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Film fascist

Justin Smith works with Niagara College second-year film students to create the definite tone of The Chair, an assignment for film class. See story on page 11.

Photo by Kimberly Sheppard.

Federal funding slashes leave college budget in red

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Slashing of federal funding to Ontario colleges and universities has left Niagara College's budget in the red by $134,000, says Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration.

College officials had proposed to balance the budget by the end of the fiscal year — March 31, 1993, but now a "$1 million problem" stands in the way, he said.

Van der Slagt cited a loss of $328,000 from the federal project based training program, a $200,000 reduction in revenues under the federally sponsored direct purchase option and $280,000 in salary increases that were over anticipated.

"We started off the year with a projected surplus of $300,000," he said.

This amount was based on assumptions the college was forced to make because certain information was not available, he said.

"Other things have changed along the way, but for and against us in terms of new funded training activities," he said. "But we obviously had about a $1 million problem."

A balanced budget is still the college's goal, "but at this stage we're still exploring various ways we can do that," he said.

The college has an accumulated budget deficit of $2.3 million which will increase if the budget does not balance by the end of the fiscal year.

Students and teachers in for major change as college remodels its academic year

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Students and part-time teachers are in for major changes as Niagara College remodels its academic year.

In September, the academic year will extend to 36 weeks (two 18-week-terms) from 31 weeks, said David Schleich, vice-president academics.

Students will attend an average of 20-21 hours weeky, with the Social Service program going about 29 hours, he said.

"This will allow students to concentrate more on the subjects they're taking, with more classrooms available there'll be less crowding."

While the reformation does not affect full-time faculty at the college, some part-time day teachers will lose their jobs, he said.

"Some part-time teachers won't be necessary any more because full-time teachers will have more time...but it's too hard to tell right now how many (part-time teachers) will go."

The change is part of a restructuring move throughout colleges and universities in Ontario. The federal government's recent announcement of reduced operating grants has sparked the need for a more efficient educational system, said Brian Wolfe, manager of policy and research at the Ontario Council of Regents.

"At the same, our economy is itself undergoing some significant restructuring which has major implications for the nature of education and training provided."

Wolfe said changes in demographics have prompted more adults (25 and older) to enrol in post-secondary education. And with significant immigration changes, both have lead to a need for all public sector areas, including colleges and universities, to examine how best to proceed, he said.

He said from the $56 million (or two per cent) allocated to colleges and universities, colleges will receive $19 million, with $4 million going into "restructuring for efficiency."

Schleich said the 36-week year will "definitely save a lot of money that we'll use to help with our deficit problem and invest in instructional technology, like equipment for students."

While it's hard to tell how much the savings will be unfront, mid-spring 1994 should show an improvement, he said.

Dale Deloughery, Student Administrative Council president at the college, said it will give students more employment time. "I think 36 weeks is good because the teachers are contracted for that amount of time...but if students come either in the morning or afternoon, it will be hard to get to sports practices."

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Kernahan grads to help increase centre's enrolment

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Enrolment at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre is expected to increase as graduates from St. Catharines' Kernahan Park Secondary School consider entry into the foods and services program sectors.

An articulation agreement signed recently by President John Saso and Gary Holmes, director of education at the Lincoln County Board of Education, allows future graduates preferred entry into Niagara College.

This agreement helps the students at Kernahan earlier in their education to better understand the industry at the Grade 10 level, said Dan Macmaster, prinicipal at Kernahan.

"This agreement will make sure that what we are teaching relates to Niagara College," said Macmaster.

The instructors at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre are helping the high school develop a curriculum similar to the colleges. Kernahan students are taking courses like chef training, food services, baking classes, kitchen management and food preparation, said Macmaster.

Macmaster said enrolment at Niagara College could be "immediately affected" because of the growing number of adult students in the course. There are already five to seven adult students at the centre.

"Theoretically speaking it will take two or three years before adolescent students attend the college," said Macmaster. "This agreement will benefit our kids because of the preferred entry."

A year or two went into designing the agreement between the college and the Lincoln County Board of Education. This agreement enables the Kernahan students to get training in the field before applying to the college. The adult program has been funded by the Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Corporation.

"This agreement lets the students know what their industry is about and it helps them out," said Macmaster.

"This is a consolidation of the two and to familiarize the Lincoln County Board of Education with the program at Niagara College," said Warren Sebben, articulation facilitator for the Lincoln County Board of Education.

Car dropped on student

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Niagara College student's leg was broken Dec. 4 at the Welland campus when fellow students dropped a damaged car on him.

Mathew Harris, a law and security administration student, was taken by ambulance to Welland County General Hospital where he was treated.

Unconfirmed reports from students indicate Harris and other LASA students were rocking the car, provided through Ontario Provincial Police for the SAC Don't Drink and Drive awareness campaign. Students said the car was dropped when the LASA students saw program co-ordinator Cathy Gilles approaching.

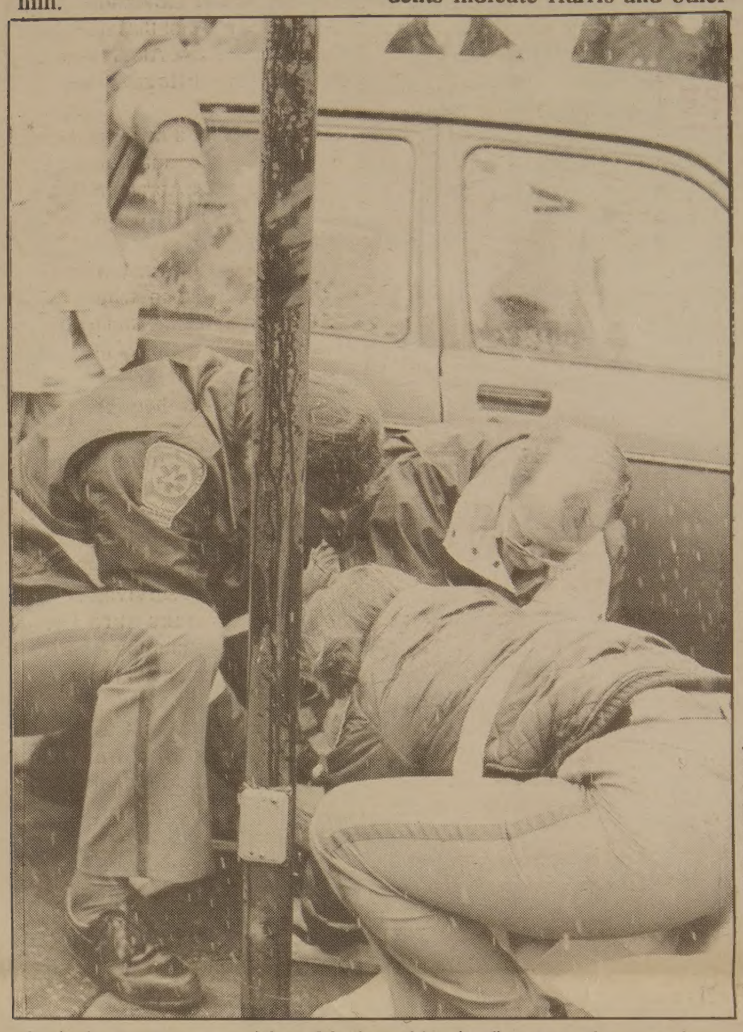
Cindy Blanchard, SAC bookkeeper, called 911 after a student ran into the office saying what had happened. "John Latimer flew in here in a panic and said 'a student's leg has been crushed'," said Blanchard.

The brown Chevette, owned by George's Autobody in Welland, was provided by Rose City Auto in Welland on the referral of the OPP.

"It was an unfortunate accident," said Kristen Sorensen, SAC vice-president external. Sorensen arranged for the car to be on campus to promote alcohol awareness during the Christmas season. The car arrived Dec. 2, and was placed on the walkway between After Hours and the Simcoe building.

On Dec. 3, the car door was stolen. The door was returned on Dec. 17 during the SAC Christmas Bash at the Rose Villa Tavern in Welland.

No legal action has been taken.



Ambulance personnel free Mathew Harris, first-year Law and Security Administration program student, from beneath a car on the Welland campus. Harris was trapped under the vehicle on Dec. 4 after fellow students dropped it on him, breaking his leg.

Photo by Duncan Warrener

$ for AIDS

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

What was to be a golden chain of loonies, turned out to be a colorful strip of bills.

Niagara College students raised $360 for the AIDS Committee of Niagara in support of AIDS day on Dec. 1, 1992.

Organized by Sarah Schoneville and other students from the Ontario Health Records Association program at the college, the students collected donations on a strip of double-sided tape in front of the bookstore in the Lundy Building.

The 55-foot-chain was in place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a booth offering pamphlets, red ribbons and condoms.

Rebecca Berry, a Dental Assistant program student, won the 50/50 draw; the other half will be given to the AIDS Committee.

Anyone wishing to donate or help as a volunteer can call the AIDS Committee at (416) 984-8684.

Kiss the flame

Prevention needed, not blame

By HEATHER D. HODGSON
Law and Security Administration Program
Special to Niagara News

The results of the logo and essay contests initiated during Drug Awareness Week will be announced in the next issue.

For the first three issues of this term, I will share the column with essay contest finalists. The first is Phil Iambie.

ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE
By PHIL IAMBIE

Shannon Hearn was working in a pub full of students watching a band, when he was assaulted by a drunken man with a broken wine glass. After six hours of surgery, according to Bacchus Magazine, 18 pieces of glass were removed from the eye alone, including one that was resting on the surface of his brain. Incidents such as these must be stopped!

Alcohol is not to blame for what occurs. Instead, faculty, students and bar staff have to look into the cause and possible prevention of violent incidents involving alcohol.

Shannon, a student at Georgian College, is one of the many innocent victims who has to live the lifelong impact of alcohol and violence. As a result of the attack Shannon has to deal with the numerous scars on his face, the loss of an eye and the flashbacks of that dreadful night.

The undeniable relationship between alcohol and violence has forced campus pubs to tighten their policies on alcohol consumption. Post secondary institutions have recently implemented new regulations for campus pubs, such as the elimination of shooters and king cans and no announcement of last call. Authorities should also push for shorter operating hours and stricter enforcement of liquor laws. Tighter policies alone will reduce the irresponsible consumption of alcohol on campus but unfortunately, might drive students to local bars which allow and encourage the consumption of large amounts of alcohol.

Recently, there has also been a dramatic increase in the number of programs and groups available to help campuses educate students in the area of responsible drinking. Examples of the reference groups available are BACCHUS CANADA which is an on campus student initiative that promotes responsible decisions about alcohol, AOC which produces pamphlets and educates students on the myths of alcohol and the Early Alcohol Intervention Program which is now ongoing at Brock University. Educational programs do have an impact on irresponsible drinking; however, it is not that substantial due to the fact that they are seldomly used.

Violent campus incidents involving alcohol can and must be stopped. To achieve these goals it is necessary to enforce stricter regulations on campus pubs and make better use of educational groups that are available and more than willing to help. The results from efforts to reduce irresponsible drinking will not only benefit students during their time at school, but also for the rest of their lives.

Next issue: Cocaine by Miriam Duke

Help for job hunters

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Are you feeling anxious about finding a job?

If the thought of looking for a job during these recessionary times has you worried, you should know there's help at the college.

Niagara College's Career and Services office provides a number of services aimed at assisting students acquire jobs. While the staff help all students at the college, the bulk of their work involves students in their graduating year, particularly during the winter term as students begin to consider what they must do to find employment.

Janet Forfar, career and services officer at the college will be visiting graduating classes between now and March explaining the services her office has to offer students. She plans to emphasize the importance for students to start looking for a job now if they haven't already.

"I'll try to get everyone motivated. If students plan to start working soon after graduation, they'll need to start looking now."

With the job market limited, students must do all they can to gain an advantage over other applicants. One of the first things job seekers need is a good resume. That is why a laser-printed resume service is now available for students at the college.

"In these tough times, you need a good-quality resume. We haven't been able to produce it here. We're working with the English and computer programs to get resumes formatted and printed," said Forfar, adding she expects the service will be more in demand as the end of the term nears.

Students wishing to use the service must prepare their resume using WordPerfect software and take their disk to The Computer Store. Prices start at 65 cents a page with discounts for more than 10 copies.

The workers at the Career and Services office will assist students having trouble getting started on their resumes.

Although jobs aren't as plentiful as they once were, Forfar said students, especially those who prepare for their entry to the job market, can be optimistic about their job prospects.

"A lot of good students land a lot of good jobs, recession or not. That's what you have to keep your eye on. You need to be confident and sell yourself and that's what we help with. A large number of employers come back to us and like Niagara College. We get positive feedback for the skills of our graduates. They're well prepared."

College level drop-outs targeted: high school

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

Shadow dancing or shadow boxing, well, not exactly. Recently 41 high school students visited Niagara College and were partnered with college students.

Lakeport and Governor Simcoe high schools participated in the program. Four of the matched students went to the Mack Centre in St. Catharines.

Response by the high schools and the college staff and students was overwhelming, Mary Lou Eden, college organizer, said. "For every two names I asked for, I got 10."

Grade 12 general students chose a program of interest and the organizers matched them with a volunteer college student to shadow.

The aim of the event was to reduce the drop-out rate of first-year college students. In turn, this will decrease government investment so money can be used for other things. For every $1 a student pays in tuition the provincial government pays four. When students drop out everyone loses.

The only problem organizers had was the amount of preparation time the event took.

Another shadow day may be possible in February. "The pressure is on to do another one," said Eden. She said that Beamsville and Grimsby high schools are interested but nothing has been decided.

Eden said it would be a good idea to have these days organized throughout the year to reach as many students as possible.

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Graduates in job limbo?

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

How the recession has affected employment prospects of last year's Niagara College graduates will soon be known.

Graduate surveys determining Niagara College's annual employment statistics have been completed and results sent to the Ontario Ministry of Education. In a few weeks, the final statistics will be known and work will begin on the college's placement statistics booklet, said Niagara College career services officer Janet Forfar.

The statistic gathering procedure, once as varied as the number of colleges doing them, now has uniformity.

"The process itself is mandated by the ministry. All 23 colleges use the same process and survey form," said Forfar.

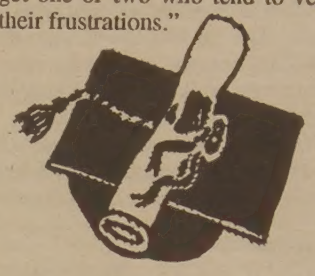
Six months after graduation ceremonies, the Career and Services Office began mailing surveys to more than 1,000 1992 Niagara college graduates. The office received replies from more than 800 graduates — about 80-85 per cent.

The annual task of tracking the maximum number of the graduates takes many hours.

"We get maybe 25-30 per cent (of the surveys) by mail," Forfar said. "Then we start. It's a lot of work. Three or four of us come in nights and on weekends. We spend as much time as possible trying to reach people. If someone has moved three or four times, we don't let it drop. This year we hired two human relations students for a few hours a week."

Traditionally, graduates from the Nursing, Radio and Television and Hospitality programs are the most difficult to reach, Forfar said. Despite the hours and effort required, the job isn't without its rewards.

"It's a lot of fun in some ways. You get to talk to the graduates, particularly those who have had good experiences. We're generally well received over the phone. You get one or two who tend to vent their frustrations."



The information received is protected under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act and can only be used for statistics. Since, through process of elimination, it might be possible to attach statistics to certain individuals, only programs with five or more graduates can have their numbers included in the booklet.

Once the college receives the statistics, they will be turned over to the marketing and communications department, which produces the booklet.

"We work together, but ultimately it's a marketing publication," Forfar said.

Although the number of graduates who found full-time employment fell only three per cent between 1990 and 1991, the percentage finding full-time employment in a related field fell dramatically from 69 to 59.

"Niagara College usually comes out towards the top in placement rates for colleges. If we're down this year, I'm sure it will be reflected across the board," Forfar said.

The Career Services Office's staff work to ensure as many graduates as possible find work. Despite the recent job shortage, Forfar "feels good" about the skills her office helps students with and is encouraged by how students use those skills.

"The students — because the job market is so bad — are going out a lot better prepared now and for the rest of their lives," Forfar said, adding, "I was impressed with the work the graduates put into job searches. Some are really tenacious. They weren't easily defeated. These are tough times and I've been really impressed over the past year or so."

Director for year

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Business Program now has its own version of Rance Mulliniks.

DAVID P. ABRAHAM

With Clara Casucci-McLeod taking a well-deserved leave of absence for a year, Niagara College named David P. Abraham as interim replacement as Director of Business Studies.

"I'm sort of pinch-hitting for her," said Abraham, who will fill the position until Dec. 31, 1993.

Abraham said he expressed an interest in a director's job last spring, but nothing was available at the time.

Before becoming the director, Abraham served on the college's Board of Governors and was co-ordinator of the college's statistics program. Abraham has been at the college since it opened in 1967.

Stepping into a new position knowing he may not return has not discouraged Abraham from developing his own specific objectives.

"You have to have an overall view or purpose in what you do," said Abraham. "And to me, there are three main focuses of what I'm trying to do."

Abraham calls them his "S" goals: student satisfaction, which includes anything from understanding a concept to passing a test; staff satisfaction, Abraham wants all the faculty and employees under him to enjoy their work; and school survival.

"I want to make sure the school, the program, the courses, not only survive, but thrive," said Abraham.

At the end of 1993, if Casucci-McLeod wishes to return, the job is hers, said Abraham. He added if she decides not to return, the job will be posted and the normal application procedure will follow.

Board appointments

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

To better reflect the needs of the community, Niagara College's Board of Governors has appointed an individual with a physical disability and a representative of the hospitality industry to its policy setting body.

Both men will serve on the board until the end of 1995.

Former Pelham Mayor Eric Bergenstein, who lost his legs in an industrial accident 40 years ago, was appointed to represent individuals with physical disabilities.

Angelo Camillo's appointment was important because it gives the college representation in the hospitality and tourism industry, said Bernard Baril, chairman of the board.

"We're supposed to have people on the board that represent certain groups of the population," said Baril.

'The fact I have a physical disability...doesn't alter my point of view.'

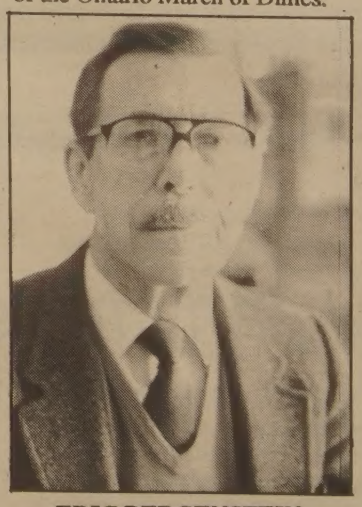
Bergenstein

Baril said the board submitted the names of two individuals to the Council of Regents last fall, but the council refused the application on the grounds the two did not represent the needs of the community.

"I think this comes from the government's point of view that agencies, boards and other appointed bodies should attempt to be representative of the total public," Bergenstein said.

"The fact that I have a physical disability doesn't, in my view, very often alter my point of view on any subject," he said.

Bergenstein is the Pelham Hydro Commission chairperson, Niagara Environment Committee chairperson and sits on the provincial board of the Ontario March of Dimes.



ERIC BERGENSTEIN

Meanwhile, Camillo, who owns a hospitality management business, has been in the hotel-food business since 1971, when he began his career as a waiter in Italy and West Germany. He is general manager of a Quality Inn in Niagara Falls.

Some familiar personalities he has attended to over the years are former American president Jimmy Carter, former Soviet premier Leonid Brezhnev and Queen Elizabeth II.

Baril said he believes the appointment of these two men has reinforced the board.

Search continues...

New campus location sought

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Other sites, aside from St. Catharines, are now being considered for the $22-million campus, says Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration.

He said a number of sites all over the peninsula are being looked at, including several in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold and St. Catharines.

It was announced last February that the Welland campus would expand to St. Catharines. At that time, President Saso said he hoped to have the property in hand by "this time next year."

"We spent about a year with the city of St. Catharines and talked to a number of real estate people and property development officials to identify sites for the college," van der Slagt said.

"As a result, there were very few sites available," he said

The site must pass certain critiera: that it be 50 acres and that the site provide visibility for the college, van der Slagt said.

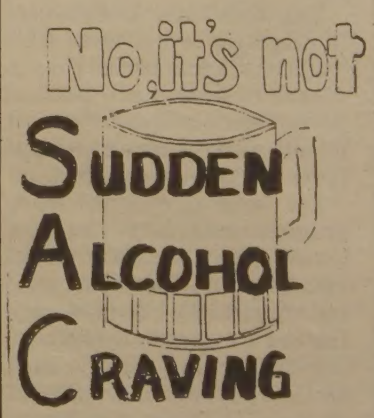
"There are just not many pieces of property within the city of St. Catharines that fulfil those criteria."

The campus would house all health related programs, business programs, horticulture programs and all Ventures activities.

Van der Slagt said funding for the new campus would come from major fundraising, the sale of the present St. Catharines campus and ministry funding.

New logo for SAC shirts

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer



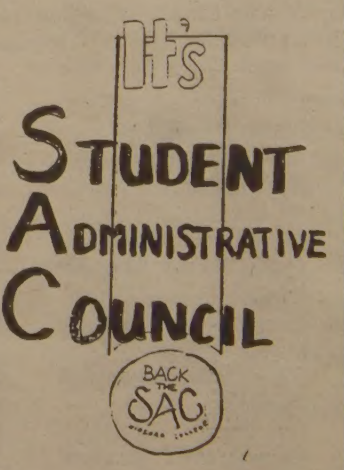
The Student Administrative Council has a new T-shirt logo.

Designs by Brad Billard, a business administration student, and Dan McNab, a law and security administration student, were chosen by SAC in November. Billard has replaced Channon Dilts as vice president social affairs.

Billard designed the front of the shirt and everything on the back except 'Back the SAC Niagara College', which was designed by McNab. Billard received $30 and McNab received $20 for the designs.

The winners were selected from four student entries.

The T-shirts are available for sale in the SAC office and are also being used for giveaway purposes.



THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Mulroney still undecided

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney says he hasn't decided whether or not to resign, but his actions speak louder than words.

By recently reducing the number of ministers in his cabinet, some people believe Mulroney has no intention of stepping down. Why should he fix the cabinet if he's going to step down?

Because I believe Mulroney is putting his party's interests before his own.

Mulroney says he has been thinking of readying a replacement, and a second shuffling of his cabinet could be overseen by his replacement.

The Conservative Party, and especially Mulroney, have received a great deal of criticism over the past few years, particularly with the Goods and Services Tax, the poor economy, not to mention his personality. With Mulroney as head of the party, the Conservatives don't stand a chance of winning the next election to be held sometime this year.

Mulroney's eventual successor could be former federal justice minister Kim Campbell, who was recently named the first female defence minister. The move was praised by both opposition parties in the House of Commons, but the parties may later regret the move if she succeeds Mulroney.

Stepping down is the only alternative for Mulroney and even he is politically astute enough to see it.

Dennis Fast

Letter to the Editor

Accident on campus result of immaturity

Dear Editor:

As an individual on the Student Administrative Council, I want to comment on a recent incident involving some Law and Security Administration program students.

I'm referring to the accident that occurred on Dec. 4 in which a student was injured.

A damaged car was provided through the Ontario Provincial Police to promote alcohol awareness. The car was towed onto the Welland campus and left for viewing on the walkway between After Hours and the Simcoe building.

Apparently, the wrecked car was not taken as seriously as I had expected. The purpose of the display was to deter students from driving while drunk. Maybe some students did take the car seriously, but certain individuals took the opportunity to show their immaturity.

After two days on campus, the car door was stolen (or should I say borrowed). The third day a LASA student was injured when the car was dropped on his leg. The vehicle was towed away. Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't the program called law and security? From which side of the law do you plan on graduating?

Sue Harvey
Second-year journalism,
SAC executive vice-president

Editorials

Letter

Mentor Project thankful to students

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Niagara Peninsula Industry Education Council I would like to thank you for your assistance in allowing us the opportunity to speak with the second-year Journalism-Print program students about the ONSIDE Mentor Project.

The problem of young people leaving school early has a drastic influence on our community, the costs of which are carried by all of us. This is why we have established such initiatives as the ONSIDE Mentor Project in the hope of stemming the tide of young people who are leaving school without receiving a high school diploma.

Once again, sincere thanks for the time and effort you have given us. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Barry Cowell
Co-ordinator
ONSIDE Mentor Project

Baby boomers reign on politics

*Bill Clinton's inauguration as U.S. President next week will mark the begin*ing of a major event in history: the political reign of the "baby boomers."

They were the socially aware "hippies" of the 1960's, demonstrating against injustice and the Establishment. Later, in the 1980's, they were the corporate ladder-climbing status-seekers known as "yuppies." Now that one of their own is about to become leader of the free world, the generation of North Americans born in the decade following the Second World War must realize they are now the Establishment. It is they who will determine the policies that will shape our lives for the next 20 years.

It is hoped that, after going through two radically different social phases, these "baby boomers," will take the best points of each and combine them to make sensible decisions. In these times where there are both injustices to be fought and serious economic concerns to be dealt with, to rely too heavily on either "hippie" or "yuppie" values would be courting disaster.

Two-and-a-half decades or so ago, they wanted to change the world. Now they can. Good luck, boomers!

Roger Stroop

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Letter

New political party rallies support

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago, 45 Canadians of all ages and from all walks of life met at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa to found a new political party, The National Party of Canada, which we hope will change the face of politics in Canada.

Just one of our reforms is not to accept donations in any form from business, trade unions or special interest groups. Donations must come from private individuals only. Our idea is eventually to fund election campaigns by adding a small fee ($1 a year) to the tax returns of all Canadians (about 18 million at present) thereby maintaining the integrity of our electoral process and avoiding interference in our elections, as happened in 1988 when friends of the current government spent millions of dollars in advertising immediately before the election to influence the electorate.

A year ago, in search of information about advertising codes in Europe, I received a pamphlet from the government of Austria, setting out information about student organizations. One of these was the Austrian Student's Union, a legally representative body which enjoys the right to submit proposals relating to student and university affairs to the country's legislative assemblies. The government is obliged to allow the Student's Union to see and voice an opinion on draft legislation before it goes to cabinet as well as statutory regulations before they are implemented as these relate to matters concerning the student community.

I would urge all students to consider becoming involved in their future now. Students in other countries are doing it.

Our party welcomes you and your ideas. We invite you to participate in the decision-making process towards reshaping the future of this country.

To find out how you can do this, or for more information on The National Party of Canada, call toll free 1-800-565-8673.

Janice Kay, Founding Member
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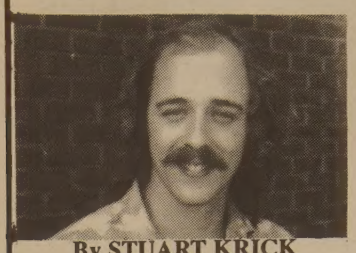
PERSPECTIVES

Jobless youth may become radical



By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

More than 5,000 16-year-olds dropped out of school in the Niagara Region last year. It is projected more than 50,000 dropouts, under the age of 26, will live in the region by the year 2000.

The citizens of Niagara should be concerned about the alarming number of uneducated, unemployable young people our education system is producing.

Don't we seem naive in our misunderstanding of human nature? Don't we realize the feelings of uneducated, unemployed human beings are predominatly frustration, despair and hopelessness? From this will come bitterness against a society that has no place for them.

Are we not aware these young people are a hot-bed for far-right wing and far-left wing recruitment?

Since unemployed young people cannot succeed within the parameters of the existing society, they gravitate towards radical groups with radical solutions to the injustice of society's distribution system.

These organizations, through selective education, instil a sense of hope and mission to the aimless youth. The young people are programmed with half-baked ideologies and unleashed on society.

These young people see democracy as being responsible for a system that leaves them with nothing; they lean towards anti-democratic movements.

Isn't this the problem in Germany: Futureless young people, on both the far-right and far-left, expressing their solutions to society's problems?

In Germany, the far-left wants the dissolution of all government, while the far-right wants the government to have more control over who gets to live in the country.

Both sides have unhealthy solutions to society's problems. In an attempt to achieve their goals, they have polarized the political spectrum, frozen the huge middle class and unleashed social chaos.

In the Niagara Region, the young may propose solutions to society's problems different than those made by German youth, but, if we allow large numbers of unemployed youth to drift out of school without a future, we will find many radicalized, fanatical citizens in our midst.

We can't allow this to happen.

We can't afford, not just economically, but also politically, to unleash young people who have no purpose, hope or education.

Can we really say we care about ourselves if we turn a blind-eye to a situation that could ultimately be the source of our own destruction?

We seem to be unaware that, because their very survival includes a constant barrage of inhumanity, hardened fanatics have a limited view of human dignity.

A pleasant life free of constant involvement with inhumanity makes the average Canadian psychologically and emotionally soft and thus vulnerable to boot-stomping, crusading, uneducated, anti-democratic, unemployed, hardened, inhumane people.

Maybe this view is the product of a paranoid mind, and maybe these young people will live out their lives without rising up to create political chaos and causing the average citizen harm.

But what if these young people decide they are not going to be ignored by society?

We can't afford to take a chance.

Drop-out rates increase as government funds decrease

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

The Ontario government isn't spending enough money on education. Students in this province are getting a raw deal when it comes to the amount of financial assistance they receive for continuing education.

Many students are struggling to get a post-secondary education. Just looking at the number of students returning to school shows this. Niagara College's enrolment rate increased by about 15 per cent this year.

It's true we are at an economic standstill, but the federal government, for example, continues to spend money on projects such as the referendum; an outcome which made little difference to the constitutional problems of Canada. Why not spend the money on education that will help our economy in the long run?

Money, or rather the lack of it, should not be a reason to drop out of school. Many students have the ambition and the intelligence to make a difference in this world; but they are not being given the opportunity to display their talents due to money problems.

When students receive insufficient funds from the Ontario Student Assistance Program they have no choice but to drop out of school. The increasing number of students dropping out of college and high school is astonishing.

'It's time the provincial government gave students a break'

It's time the provincial government gives students a break. You might see the unemployment line slowly disappear if OSAP would assist students in trying to make something of themselves.

Money going toward the education of young people is money well spent.

Firefighter hiring policy ignoring important facts

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

It's a nice idea, but it just won't work.

I'm talking about legislated equality, such as the new hiring policy of Toronto-area fire departments. The departments want to increase the hiring of women and ethnic minorities in order to close the gap between these groups and white males, now the predominant group on staff.

This policy seems to ignore a great number of facts, the greatest of which is qualification. The policy allows for less qualified applicants to be hired before possibly more qualified job searchers on the basis of the accident of birth that left them not only white, but male.

This screams of reverse discrimination.

I am a member of one of the purportedly previously discriminated-against groups. I should cheer such manoeuvres to increase the number of women in the workforce. Unfortunately, pride gets in the way. Who could feel comfortable with the fact they had not been hired on the basis of skill, but rather, of gender.

Snow dazzles foreign student

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

For one coming from a tropical climate with an average room temperature of 27 degrees Celsius, and the lowest temperature of 5 degrees Celsius, the first Canadian snowfall was quite an experience.

Sitting at a window, overlooking the old Welland Canal along Niagara Street, while I sip a popular Canadian beer, I notice a sudden rough wind blow, which seems to spoil this nice Friday afternoon. The wind suddenly turns into white dust — whirlwind, I think, at first, which I find unusual for this part of the world.

I dash to the other side of the room overlooking the street and notice the cars are smothered by a white misty substance.

"There goes your snow, young man!" screams Dan, the bartender.

'It's like looking at a cloud from above'

Oh, so this is the snowfall. How fascinating.

It doesn't fall down in ice blocks as I previously thought. Notice those pedestrians moving casually through the snowfall and not freezing!

I look at the ground, the pavement, all white. The snow doesn't pile up in long, hard slippery sheets as I thought.

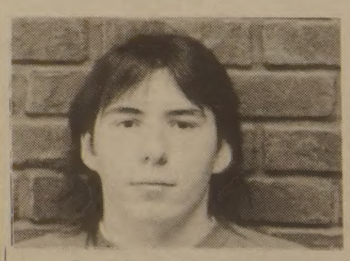
I move out into the street to feel the snow blow. I hesitate and cringe like, like one before a shot in the arm. My fears are unfounded. What a tinkling sensation! The snow doesn't hit me in the face, nor does it break the car windscreens as I previously thought. It just feels so fine, like wheat flour. So wonderful.

I move to the other side of the building, onto a lawn directly opposite the old canal. For one full minute, I stand there recoiled within my geographical experiences to think of something I can compare with. It's like looking at a cloud from above. Captivated by the cloud-like vista, I suddenly feel a tingle of sensation such as the person who first cut diamond, or found a pearl in an oyster shell must have felt.

I scoop some snow and splutter it around, like a kid. I can't help the discovery.

I explain the thrilling experience to the circus of inquisitive Canadians waiting for me at the counter.

Violence at student pub



By LLOYD ABBS
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After Hours is providing use of a video game which condones violence and exhibits a vicious depiction of how people can be killed.

Mortal Kombat is a graphic display of violence and murder, where players receive scores for brutally killing opponents.

Obviously the game is a crowd favorite because the game is constantly in use. It isn't cheap either. Every time it's played, the player must spend 50 cents, unlike other games which are still at the perpetual quarter.

What bothers me is the violence displayed. One fighter, called Sub-Zero, is a ninja. He has several moves which are distinctly his — a massive foot sweep and the ability to freeze his opponents with ice. His fatality move is ripping his opponent's head off with the spine still attached and holding it up as a trophy. Other characters have their own moves and fatalities.

Some examples of fatalities include burning your opponent's ashes, making your opponent's head explode, ripping your opponent's heart out, and snapping your opponent's neck.

I understand it's only a video game, but what kind of example does this set for young children who may wander by the game, let alone the ones who decide to play it.

Isn't there enough violence in the world today?

Balkan crisis could result in war

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Eastern Europe is on the brink of war.

And George Blazetich said he believes it is a war the United States will be unable to avoid.

"The United States is simply the most powerful nation on the face of the earth."

Blazetich said he believes the United States has to look out for its interests around the world, whether they be moral or ethical issues, or an issue of oil.

"The principle power in the world cannot avoid international commitments. The principle wage earner has to be involved in the affairs of the family. The children just don't do as they please."

Blazetich, a professor for the Centre for Language Studies at Niagara College, has just returned from a sabbatical in Europe, where he visited the war-torn region of Croatia, the former Yugoslavian republic.

Considered by many to be an expert in European affairs, Blazetich, who spent his sabbatical teaching in Budapest, Hungary, said the policy of ethnic cleansing of Muslims in Bosnia by Serbian factions, which has accompanied the civil war from the outset, could have a snowball effect dragging all of Europe into the war.

Blazetich said Russia, despite its domestic problems, may also participate. Regardless of the friendliness between the United States and Russia, he is not sure whether the two will remain allies. But he is optimistic the relationship will remain on good terms.

"If you listen to (George) Bush's speeches, he talks about 'my good friend Boris Yeltsin' . . . That's great if something breaks out because they will be on the same side and things are going to go a little easier for the world."

Meanwhile, Blazetich pointed out there is no reason to believe Serbia will limit its cleansing policy to Muslims in Bosnia.

"Why stop at Bosnia? If they (Serbians) want the Muslims out of Bosnia, why don't they want them out of Kosovo? If this ethnic cleansing continues to Kosovo in the south, Albania will jump in for sure."

Blazetich said if Albania joins the conflict, Turkey and Greece would soon follow, beginning what could turn into world war.

Consequently, he would like to see the fighting end, but does not know how that is possible, he said.

Responding to recent reports that United Nations mediator Cyrus Vance is close to gaining an accord that would end fighting within the next month, Blazetich is momentarily optimistic. However, he is skeptical about the reports.

GEORGE BLAZETICH

"I don't believe he's going to have an agreement in a month."

"What those people are doing to each other is abominable. They are not going to forget. This is something that has been going on for generations and I simply can't believe that Cyrus Vance has the solution to it."

During his two weeks in Croatia observing troop movements and social conditions, the question asked most of Blazetich was why the Americans were not coming in to stop the fighting. He said they answered it themselves; 'because we don't have any oil.'

"If the United States' oil interests were intimately tied up in the Balkans, I have a feeling they would have jumped in and done something, because I think that had something to do with why they went into the (Persian) gulf."

He said the perception in Croatia is that the Americans and the United Nations would have stopped the fighting long ago had there been oil interests involved. However, he said if a conflict develops, the United States will not hesitate to act.

"Everybody I spoke to, educated, uneducated, the man in the street, all wanted this to stop. For example, tourism there was a multi-billion dollar industry, which has been devastated. The country has been impoverished. Their national treasures have been devastated by the war, and people want it stopped."

Blazetich, who has an honors BA and an MA in history from Hamilton's McMaster University, said there is one way the war can end.

"I think if the Americans went in, and I think they know this, they would be bogged right down (in guerilla warfare), unless they are prepared to do what they didn't do in Vietnam, that is use tactical nuclear weapons."

He said the Americans lost in Vietnam because they were fighting a guerilla war with conventional troops and weapons. He said there is little difference between what the United States experienced in the jungles of Vietnam, from what it would experience in the mountainous Balkans.

"Let's not forget the Serbians held off the Germans in those mountains during the Second World War."

Asked how to solve the territorial disputes, the underlying factor in the civil war, Blazetich said he does not know if there is a solution. And, he said, anyone who pretends they have a formula to the problem "does not know his history."

"How much land do you give the Bosnians? How much land do you give the Serbs? Do you credit the Serbs with what they've conquered, or do you give the land back to the Bosnians?"

He said no one knows what to do and adds "that is the problem with history."

"You've never been to that particular point and all you know is that you've made mistakes in the past.

"I think you need the wisdom of Solomon to work this one out."

Departments joining forces

By HENRY MALUNDA
Staff Writer

There are some new faces in the Simcoe Building. Since late last year, the Niagara College marketing and communications department and the media services department have joined forces.

The objective of the move was to bring the two departments together and closer to the students and faculty, said Lyn Russo, director of the amalgamated departments.

"I like the idea of it being centrally-located as it is, closer to the students," she said. "I find it a lot easier to make contact with people and that's very important because I want more of a one-to-one contact."

The former media department was located in S102.

"The media department was equipment-oriented. The editorial suite and/or other electronic items could not be moved, so it made sense for the marketing and communications department to move here," Russo said.

In addition to being closer to the students and faculty, she said the previous office facilities in Hennepin Hall lacked adequate space for production activities.

"This is the production area," she said as she moved in the newly-renovated office facilities, "now we've got computers and a small light table; we didn't have those and we had to produce calendars, brochures and everything else — it wasn't set up for production at all, so it works out better now."

The move has also resulted in a revamping of the marketing and communications department, necessitating a reassignment of some personnel. There are six staff members from a previous 12 for both departments.

Keith Lindberg, former manager of the media department, is manager for Ontario Skills, located at Ventures.

Glenn Heshka, formerly of the media department, and Monique Morin, of the marketing and communications department, have been reassigned to the Jobs Ontario Training Fund, also located at Ventures.

'I like the idea of being centrally - located ...'

Ed Brown and Tom Bowes, who provide audio-visual equipment services such as laminating, film and film processing, are with the Learning Resources Centres, but located within the same general area.

"... which makes sense because their function is more related to that, but there's a lot of equipment here," Russo said.

Jean Vandenbelt has joined the student services staff in counselling.

Jerry Salfi and Cathy Weir have joined Randy Conlon, Patty Faragalli and Barbara Fonfara in the revamped six-member marketing and communications department.

"I like it here," said Conlon, media liaison officer who has moved with the department from Hennepin. "We're centrally-situated and closer to the students. Part of my job is to work with prospective students and those who're already here, so I like being right in the middle of the students."

However, Conlon said he still must refer some of the visiting students to the Hennepin Hall as a meeting place.

"Since we're in the middle of the college, students who come to visit us have a hard time trying to find us here. It's hard to describe to the students where we are on the phone."

The marketing and communications department is responsible for communicating information about the services of the college to the community. This function is achieved through the production of calendars, student handbooks, brochures, video materials as well as organizing annual visits to schools, and open houses at the four campuses in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Incorporated from the media department are now services such as faxing, laminating, film and film processing and overhead productions.

"If students have suggestions about information that needs to be given to new students, I'd be interested in hearing about that," said Russo. "Because we're taking a long hard look at when someone applies for a place at the college and the information they receive, or when they first come and they go through an orientation, what do they really want to know?"

Russo said one of her main responsibilities will be to produce more video materials to update or supplement what is available in the schools and other institutions.

Teachers suffer pay cuts but applications increase

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

Fifty continuing education teachers "do not wish to continue" in their positions because of a reduction in their pay and several others have said they will stay until the end of the term, says Foster Zanutto, director of continuing education.

The hourly rate for beginning teachers has been cut to $19 an hour, down from $27.09, while the rate for instructors with teaching experience has been cut to $25, down from $33.91.

Zanutto said he "objects quite strongly" to any teachers who would cut the hours of class time. The teachers are under contract to teach a set number of hours. "It will not be allowed and we will stop it," he said.

Zanutto said he is aware of the concerns of losing experienced teachers, but is not convinced the quality of education will suffer. He said the "change in a teacher will result in a different approach." After intial "growing pains," a new teacher could bring the same or better quality to the classroom, he said.

Zanutto said of all the alternatives examined by college officials to reduce costs, the reduction in pay for part-time teachers, was the one option the administration saw as having the least negative impact. College president John Saso is "keen on not laying off full-time people," Zanutto said.

Despite the pay cut, the college has received 150 applications and "the quality seems to be very high," he said.

The winter session for continuing education begins on Feb. 11 and college officials are expecting to maintain or even see an increase in the number of applicants. Zanutto said he anticipates a one to two per cent increase in applications this year.

Harmony group in St. Catharines

Harmony Niagara, an award-winning ladies' barbershop chorus, will present "Love's Old Sweet Songs" at the CAW Hall in St. Catharines Jan. 29.

The 24-member chorus recently placed in the top 10 at an international competition in Rochester, N.Y.

Three ladies' barbershop quartets, By Design, Chapter Four and By Special Agreement, will also perform.

Admission is $12, which includes food and door prizes. For tickets, call Audrey at 646-1763 or Kathy at 684-1763.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with curtain time scheduled for 8 p.m.

Harmony Niagara is a non-profit organization which supports the Society for Autistic Students of the Niagara Region.

Canadian scholar won't give up

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Corina Sobey is not about to quit.

"I just want so badly to finish school and get through this."

The tiny dark-haired girl leans forward, her hands resting on her ankles, which are wrapped in plastic braces and tucked beneath her on the bench, and smiles earnestly.

Sobey, a 23-year-old Niagara College computer engineering student, recently received a scholarship from the Canadian government as a Canada Scholar. She was also recently told she has two debilitating diseases of the connective tissue — Marfan's Syndrome and Ehlyers-Danlos Syndrome — that could eventually confine her to a wheelchair.

"If I had known before I applied, I never would have," she says. The diseases, which affect all areas of the body, cause her extreme pain and often interrupt her studies. "All my marks are in the 90s," she says shyly, then grows serious. "But it won't stay that way. I'm finding it harder and harder to get along now. The pain is so much worse."

CORINA SOBEY

The award from the government helps. Sobey receives $1,000 every semester as long as her marks stay in the 80s. Sobey plans to use some of the money to buy a second set of textbooks to leave at her St. Catharines home. Many of her computer engineering texts are quite large, and often her shoulder slips out of joint while she's carrying her heavy bookbag.

"This money will definitely be put to good use," she says, adding she plans to buy a computer. The computer engineering course requires all students to have one, and it will make notetaking easier for Sobey, whose joints quickly tire from writing by hand. She relies heavily on highlighting texts. "I'm lucky the books are good," she says.

Despite her obstacles, Sobey is strong and determined, says classmate John Wiebe. "She's got a tremendous attitude and desire to go forward," he says. "She could encourage a lot of people."

Sobey's own words prove that opinion. "Sure, I think about giving in, leaving school. It would be easy. But I'm here now, and I don't intend on quitting."

Reporter's Note: Corina Sobey was briefly in the intensive care unit at St. Catharines General Hospital shortly after this interview last term. Regardless, she finished first semester with a 90 per cent average and has returned with high hopes for second semester.

Canadian group organizing international trade network

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

A group of Canadians are trying to organize an international trade network association and Dave Taylor is one of them.

Taylor, co-ordinator of International Trade and Marketing Management at Niagara College, made a presentation to the National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators in Baltimore, Md. in April 1991.

"The whole purpose of the association (NASBITE) is to create a network of exchanging information between government, education and industry," said Taylor.

He said NASBITE is a United States association which could be expanded into an international association.

At the Baltimore conference, Taylor investigated whether a Canadian chapter could be organized. He said a Canadian chapter would be separate, but would be included under an umbrella association known as NASBITE International.

Taylor said other countries could be involved such as Belgium, which has expressed an interest in organizing a chapter.

Individual associations in different countries would hold regional seminars, conferences, workshops and national events as well, he said. Then once every few years, all chapters would gather together and meet at an international event.

Taylor said there will be another conference in Oregon this spring to further discuss international chapters of NASBITE.

Exceptional student wins award

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

The Tourism and Attraction program at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls honored one of its students last November.

Josee Pepin, a second-year student, was the recipient of the 1992 Attractions Ontario Award in memory of Colonel Dailley, the former owner of African Lion Safari located on Highway 8 between Hamilton and Cambridge.

The current owner and operator of the safari is his son, Don Dailley. The award is in memory of Colonel Dailley because he supported the tourism industry and he believed in the importance of education. He was also a strong supporter of the Attractions Ontario Association which awards students pursuing a career in tourism.

The association represents all of the tourism businesses across Ontario and supports the Tourism and Attractions program at Niagara. The association presents the cash award yearly to a student enrolled in the program.

"The Attractions Ontario is the coming together of businesses that work in various aspects of the industry and who attract tourists," said David Davies, director at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. "An example of one of those businesses who are part of the Attraction Ontario Association would be Ride Niagara, Canada's Wonderland or The African Lion Safari."

This program involves a combination of classroom and co-operative work experience which enables the student to better understand the tourism sector. It deals with the tourism industry in general terms but it leads to more specific training such as planning, developing, financing, organizing, marketing and operating of tourist attractions, tours, special events and trade shows. The students are required to work a term in the industry, which will be assessed by the employer and the instructor, in two terms equalling 650 hours classroom training and co-operative training.

The Tourisme - circuits et attraits touristiques, which is the bilingual program taught by Marie Rennie at the college, is also eligible for the award. Any student can receive the award as long as they are pursuing a career in the attractions sector of tourism. The student must be doing well academically and participating in school activities.

"It has always been awarded to a student returning to second year of the Tourism and Attraction program," said Davies. "It's an award for an exceptional student."

Splatball competition successful

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Running camouflaged through a forest and shooting paint pellets at opponents is a strange way to spend a Saturday afternoon. For students of Niagara College's Welland and Niagara Falls campuses participating in an inter-campus competition, doing just that, was "a great day of fun."

In a friendly wager, Paul Grummett, Student Administrative Council vice-president athletics, challenged Jeff McColl, president of the Hospitality and Tourism centre's SAC, to a splatball competition.

"All and all it was really successful," said Grummett, a second-year computer programming student.

Splatball is a game, played mostly outdoors, in which teams try to capture each others flags while protecting their own. Players are eliminated from the game when tagged by a paintball shot from an airgun.

Scott Currie, a second-year marketing student, compared being hit by a paintball to being whipped with a wet towel. "I got a bruise right up here," Currie said, pointing to his chest.

Grummett said the Welland campus "crushed the Niagara Falls campus," but adds "we had a couple ringers on our side."

Grummett is referring to John Latimer, who as well as playing the game, referees splatball tournaments throughout the United States.

"To have him on our team was phenomenal, he never missed," said Grummett.

Grummett said he would like to have an all Welland campus competition in the near future. He said everyone has been asking him to do it again.

"If we can get a positive turnout, we might be able to give some of the money to charity," he said.

Cigarette smokers have new chance to quit with patch

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

It's the beginning of a new year and once again people across the country have made their new year's resolution to quit smoking.

With prices increasing and the areas where smokers are permitted to smoke decreasing, more and more people are deciding to kick the habit.

A new anti-smoking bylaw in Toronto was passed Jan. 1 restricting smoking in the workplace and indoor public areas. Restaurants must be 50 per cent smoke-free with a penalty of up to $5,000.

"It's unfair," said Pete Rawsthorne, 25, a former student of Niagara College. "It goes against my rights. It's a no-win situation." He agrees there should be designated smoking areas, and is willing to take the risk of paying a fine for his habit.

"It's a very positive step," said Sharon Lottridge, executive director of the Welland office of the Canadian Lung Association. It will be a great advantage to non-smokers, she said.

Generally, medical experts believe it takes 12 weeks for an ex-smoker to feel comfortable with their life as a non-smoker. They may experience withdrawal effects such as frustration, dizziness and irritability.

Ciba-Geigy, a worldwide leader in transdermal therapy, has developed a product that temporarily replaces some of the nicotine cigarettes would normally supply.

Habitrol, a patch containing quantities of nicotine, is placed on the skin allowing the nicotine to absorb through the skin and into asked that her last name not be published, describes the patch as having "no comparison" to other products on the market for smokers.

Friends who use the patch have virtually no desire to smoke, she said.

the bloodstream. A two-week supply of Habitrol sells for $75, while buying cigarettes for a two-week period might cost as much as $90.

Diane, a pharmacist at Shopper's Drug Mart in St. Catharines who

The patch is doctor prescribed and used up to 12 weeks. It is used on a "decreasing dose basis" designed to relieve symptoms of nicotine withdrawal.

"It is dangerous to smoke while using the patch," said Caroline Hurst, a Niagara College nurse.

Nicorette, a mint-flavored chewing gum base, is a temporary aid in relieving the trauma of withdrawal. The active component of Nicorette is nicotine in the form of natural extract from the tobacco plant.

"It's not a miracle cure," said Lottridge, but these products do have their place. Because people still suffer from "behavioral changes," Lottridge recommends a support program as well.

The Canadian Lung Association offers a Countdown program to help people quit smoking and learn how to adapt to life as a non-smoker. A $95 registration fee includes seven, 1 1/2-hour sessions, over a five-week period. The next session begins Jan. 18.

In Canada, more than three million people have quit smoking. Tobacco use is universally condemned as a major cause of ill health.

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Boyd: Ribbon campaigns raise awareness

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

The community has to become more "conscious" of violence and accept responsibility for its roots, says Ontario's minister of Community and Services.

MPP Marion Boyd, also minister responsible for women's services, addressed about 60 men and women at the St. Catharines Centennial library on violence against women and children on Nov. 24.

Boyd applauded the white ribbon campaign that was recently organized by men protesting violence against women. She said it is that kind of "networking" that will raise awareness of the "far-reaching" effects of violence.

Boyd said she feels it is hard for people to accept how widespread the problem has become, but to "ignore the reality, is to do so at our own risk."

Boyd was cautious, but identified attacks against women, children and the vulnerable as being "overwhelmingly a problem of male violence." She said she realizes this is very difficult for men to hear, particularly those men who have chosen to lead a non-violent lifestyle. But she cited the statistic that about 92 per cent of perpetrators of sexual violence are men. Regarding violence in the home, 45 per cent of all women murdered in Ontario in 1991 were killed by a current or estranged male partner.

Boyd said she would never suggest that all men are violent, but believes the white ribbon campaign is an example of one right step and the "manifestation of men taking responsibility for the violence against women by men."

Boyd would like to see more such campaigns to raise community awareness. She compared this effort to that of the campaign against drinking and driving. She forecasted that in the long run violence against women, children and the vulnerable could "injure, wound, and kill" more people than drinking and driving.

If nothing else, perhaps the reality that abuse costs money will alarm people, Boyd said. Abuse can eventually cost taxpayers "hundreds of thousands" of dollars through lost work, the rising cost of health care, and cost of intervention of community services.

The ministry has begun a new campaign recently under the slogan "No man has the right to assault a woman." Television advertisments such as an ad depicting emotional abuse leaving "invisible scars" and the backyard barbecue scene where two men tell another man that it is wrong to hit his wife are messages urging men to take more responsibility.

Consequently, says Boyd, 85 per cent of both men and women when questioned felt the ads were appropriate and 75 per cent of people responding to the ads felt it was time for men to take responsibility.

Boyd said emotional abuse, which can include insulting a partner, threatening to hurt her, treating her badly in front of others, or controlling where she goes and what she does, although not against the law, is unfortunately "very common and very scarring." But Boyd said both men and women were able to "relate and recognize that it is a form of assault," which she finds encouraging.

These ads have also been printed in 16 different languages and broadcasted in eight languages on the radio. Boyd said she believes this is a critical development because in the past many campaigns have not reached ethnic women in need and were directed only towards mainstream Canada.

This past summer and fall, Boyd admitted, the NDP government was struggling with economics and decisions on where to spend money. The NDP adopted a "stringent policy" and decided to focus on certain, select issues, she said. Violence against women, children and the vulnerable has been one selected to receive extra funding.

Boyd said society must send a message to the perpetrators that violence will not be condoned and to the victims who "make the difficult decision not to be victims anymore, they will be believed."

Boyd said that by building on the momentum of growing awareness, such as the white ribbon campaign last month, society can "break out of the silence" and by "telling the stories and believing the stories, then we can create our own story for the future."

Her speech was sponsored by the St. Catharines YWCA.

Association bogged down in bureaucracy

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Despite criticism from a Niagara College Board of Governors member, The Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario is an effective body, says Christopher Trump.

Trump, executive director of ACAATO, said there is some truth to board vice-chairman Otto Urbanovics' statement that the association is a "toothless tiger". However, he said that is because the association is a "pawn" of the Ministry of Colleges and Univerities. He said the comparison most often made with the association is with the Council of Ontario Universities.

"When the COU rails against the ministry, it's fighting the enemy. We can't, we are the ministry, we're part of it," Trump said from his Toronto office.

Trump cited the university central application service, in which all university applicants are processed together, as an example.

"Yes, we're 10 years behind the universities, but that's because of the quiet diplomacy and lots of hard work that finally make it click. Bureaucracies do not move as heediciously."

Consequently, Trump said there are times when "I grit my teeth and say 'damn it that shouldn't happen', but we are not masters of our fate."

ACAATO, established in 1972 to address the needs and concerns of Ontario community colleges, works with Ontario government agencies to provide globally competitive college graduates through a system of committees, task forces and a secretariat.

Trump said he believes Ontario colleges are turning out competitive graduates. However, he said there is room for considerable improvement.

Trump said he was surprised to find that, in 1981, standards and accreditation was removed from all programs except those required by law.

The result has been proliferation of programs, 400 titles alone in technology, he said.

However, working with the heads of technology, ACAATO has boiled that down to 96 titles.

Urbanovics, who will attend the upcoming ACAATO conference with board members Joan Hastings-Dove, labor's representative on the board and Kathryn Thompson, a Niagara college graduate, questioned the amount of money the college pays the association for membership, saying he doesn't believe Niagara gets enough in return.

Crime Stoppers will provide effective weapon for safety

The changing season and longer hours of darkness provide opportunities for criminals. Nighttime doesn't have to be dangerous, if people take precautions. Don't make yourself a victim of crime.

Crime Stoppers has become an effective weapon in the fight against crime, but it needs the help of everyone to keep our streets safe.

Crime Stoppers regularly receives tips identifying suspects responsible for a variety of street crimes, break-ins, robberies and other offences committed under the cover of darkness. Investigators follow up Crime Stoppers leads and make arrests. However, it would be better if people could be spared the trauma of being a victim.

Statistics show the majority of muggings and small business robberies occur during hours of darkness. From dusk to dawn, there are few people on the streets and darkness makes it difficult for individuals to even witness crimes. Criminals prey on victims at night in an attempt to reduce their risk of being caught. To minimize your chance of becoming a crime victim, stay in well-lit areas and, whenever possible, walk with a friend.

Walk confidently at a steady pace, and keep close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes and alleyways, since they are hiding places for would-be criminals. At home, people should ensure that doors and windows are locked and exterior lights turned on at night. Automatic timers should also be used to turn on lights and a radio to give the house a "lived-in look" at all times. Strangers should not be allowed into your home, and proper identification requested from any service people.

Business persons can also take steps to protect themselves from criminals. Proper fencing, locks, alarms and full exterior lighting are necessary to prevent burglaries at business facilities which are unoccupied over night. Convenience stores, gas bars and fast food outlets should be well-lit and large amounts of money should not be kept in cash registers. Employees should also receive training to keep them from becoming victims of crime.

So far, Niagara Crime Stoppers has been responsible for clearing 1,580 cases and recovering more than $2.6 million in illegal drugs and stolen property.

Statistics compiled by Crime Stoppers International in Albuquerque, New Mexico, show programs around the world have helped clear more than 435,000 criminal cases, and have recovered more than $2 billion in illegal narcotics and stolen property.

Crime Stoppers has had a tremendous success, but much more can be accomplished with more citizen involvement.

January is Crime Stoppers Month so get involved. If you have information regarding any type of crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P. O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R &A3.

Poinsettia sales helps allay costs for horticultural program's open house

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Costs of a March 20 open house by Niagara College's Horticultural program in St. Catharines will be offset by the approximate $2,500 raised in Christmas plant sales by students on Dec. 3.

"Depending on the open house profits at the end of the semester, we may be able to obtain a chipper for the program," said Tom Ball, coordinator of the Horticultural program.

A chipper allows for plant waste to be broken down and re-used in the program.

The students are growing new plants for the open house which will consist of different displays of flowers and plants.

Last year's poinsettia sales profits enabled the program to buy a label machine.

for Rose Queen

Applications for the 1993 Rose Queen contest are now being accepted.

Rose Queen contestants must be single, between the ages of 18 and 22 as of June 8, 1993, and permanent residents of Welland.

Application forms are available at the Niagara College Student Administrative Council office in the student centre, the Rose Festival Office at 25 Division St., and at participating local merchants.

Deadline for applications is Feb. 5.

For information, contact the festival office at 732-6603.

Security firm gets new look

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Niagara College's security firm has a new name.

Metropol Security was formed in November 1992 following the May 1991 Barnes Security Services Ltd. purchase of the former Metropol Security and the merging of the two companies.

The name change has no effect on the cost or the quality of security at the college, a press release stated. The guards are pleased with their new uniforms, said Linda Maidens, college building services supervisor.

In appreciation of the college's patronage, the security office in Lundy building was given a commemorative Metropol Security plaque.

METROPOL SECURITY

Rawlins Cross rocks Brock U

Rawlins Cross members are, at back left, Geoff Panting, Ian McKinnon and seated, Dave Panting.

Contributed photo.

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

A unique blend of traditional Celtic music and modern rock is the only way to describe Rawlins Cross.

Hailing from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, the five musicians stopped in St. Catharines for a 2 1/2-hour show Nov. 26. An audience of young and old were tapping their toes and drumming their fingers from the opening number to the encore.

A collaboration of musical talent and style makes this group unique. Each member, apart from the drummer, played two or more instruments throughout the evening. It's hard to believe that a bagpipe could "rock" but Rawlins Cross does that and more.

Dave Panting played acoustic and electric guitar, a mandolin and sang lead vocals. His brother, Geoff Panting, played a "mean" accordian and keyboard. He shared vocals with Ian McKinnon, who played a variety of wind instruments.

It's surprising that a bagpipe, an accordian and a mandolin could mix with an electric bass, pounding drums and still sound good. Rawlins Cross puts it all together serving it up as a veritable feast of sounds and rhythms.

With such an incredible array of musical talent it's a stretch to picture them in a little bar "down home". Dave Panting said, "We continue to play the small clubs as often as we can. A lot of the time it's solo, but we still enjoy it."

'a unique blend of traditional Celtic music'

Rawlins Cross launched their tour in early November in British Columbia on Vancouver Island, and performed in a few other places before heading inland to engagements in Alberta. The Ontario-leg of the tour took them to Guelph and then St. Catharines' Brock University.

Rawlins Cross has two albums to their credit, A Turn of the Wheel, released in 1989, and Crossing the Border, out this year. A third album is expected following a 1993 springtime studio session.

Innovative combinations of musical spectrum opposites is Rawlins Cross' claim attracting anyone who enjoys a different kind of musical experience.

Fundraiser for trip

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Cash-strapped? Watch for fundraising events by the Human Relations program students this term to help finance the graduating class's trip to Ottawa in April.

"The more money we raise for the trip the less each person will have to pay," said Jennifer Bartok, a second-year human relations student and fundraising organizer.

The planned fundraising will include more 50-50 draws, a Valentine's Day draw, bake sales and a possible car wash.

The first of a series of fundraising events, organized by the second-year human relations students, was won by Lisa Rookley, 21, a business adminstration - information systems student, on Dec. 3.

The 50-50 draw, held at the Human Relations Christmas Bash, entitled Rookley to $257.

The Ottawa trip will involve tours of the Parliament buildings and Parliamentary Library with Welland - St. Catharines - Thorold MP Gib Parent. The students will also attend a dinner at Parliament and see other sites in Ottawa.

"We would like the entire graduating class to go," said Bartok, "but it may end up with only a few wanting to go."

The students have raised $500 for the trip.

Homeless face a veritable nightmare

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Homeless.

I spent a recent Friday night on the streets of Welland to see how the homeless live day-to-day life. It was the loneliest feeling I had ever experinced.

I left my home on Hendershot Avenue at 6:20 p.m. and started walking. It was -2 Celsius and windy.

Unlike most homeless I dressed for the experience. I had boots, gloves and three layers of clothing on. Although I dressed warmly, the wind still had a chilling effect.

I had no planned destination, I just kept walking. By 6:55 p.m. my legs were numb. I continued to walk for 1 1/2 hours until I finally stopped for a break. By this time I thought of something I had totally forgotten to take into consideration — going to the washroom. I walked to Niagara College and prayed the doors would still be open. They were. I went to the washroom and then started walking on Niagara Street.

At 9:34 p.m., I stopped to sit on the Welland Courthouse steps. I thought by being there I might be noticed. I wasn't.

I thought I was making a statement, but when I spoke no words came out. People looked and pointed when they passed me, but there wasn't so much as a hello from anyone. I felt totally alone and isolated.

The time had come again to find a washroom. I walked into the Bingo Palace on East Main Street and was met by glaring stares.

I returned to the courthouse and sat on the steps for two hours. I watched, listened, and waited for some human compassion from the unsympathic passers-by on their way home. Sadly, no one stopped.

As the hours passed I began getting thirsty. I had no money, so I ate snow. A feeling of utter helplessness overwhelmed me. At 1:43 a.m., I saw a man on the corner of Division and King Streets. I asked him for a quarter. I felt so ashamed. I felt like a loser. But, I got the quarter.

Trying to sleep at the entrance to the courthouse was the only time I feared for my life. I heard every car pass, every person walk by and every snowflake that hit the snow-covered grass. It was a feeling of total paranoia.

I started the hour-long walk home at 2:58 a.m. My legs felt frozen and I felt lightheaded and ready to pass out.

Standing in the doorway I noticed I had windburn on my face. My legs were red and my feet were covered in blisters.

My saddest realization after that night — there are people who call the streets their home.

SAC hosts Christmas party, raises money

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

About 125 Niagara College students, Welland residents and guests, attended the Student Administrative Council Christmas Bash at the Rose Villa Tavern in Welland on Dec. 17.

SAC raised $560 selling 112 tickets. Complimentary tickets were also given out.

LMT Connection, an eight-piece band, provided entertainment for the evening playing jazz and dance music.

Michelle Chesla, a Niagara College part-time student, won a bus trip for two to Florida for the March break. The $464 trip was provided by SAC.

Proposed residence plans enter new phase

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Proposals for Niagara College's student residence enter a second phase today.

The college has narrowed the bidding to several developers since inviting more than 100 to submit proposals last year, said Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration.

The developer would build and manage the residence on college-owned property with rent coming back to the college, he said.

"The second stage requires those proponents to provide further information regarding construction, exact sitings and further financial information."

The aim is to have a 200-bed residence by September 1994, housing a cafeteria, study-recreation area and laundry facilities, he said.

The college has asked the developers (not yet notified) to respond by Feb. 5 with the selection made by March 5, he said.

A fundraiser was held Oct. 28, 1992 at the Rinderlins Dining Room in Welland in which $1,200 was raised for the Canadian National Institute of the Blind. An additional $500 was raised for Niagara College's Office Administration Department. Accepting cheques from Christine Berkhout, college co-ordinator Office Administration programs, centre, are at left, Carol Boettcher, Niagara College vice-president student life and human resources and Stacey Headey, CNIB.

Photo by Frank Iudiciani

SAC loses $2,500 over Morgentaler

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Twenty-five hundred dollars, deposited to ensure Dr. Henry Morgentaler's appearance at Niagara College, will not be refunded to the Niagara College Student Administrative Council.

SAC member Paul Grummett said he is concerned about money spent on speakers no one shows up to see.

Last November, Morgentaler's appearance was cancelled by what Nancy Grimminck called "poor ticket sales". Less than 50 tickets were sold.

Grimminck, SAC vice-president internal, said the money, set aside for an entertainment budget, will not be refunded because Morgentaler had to book his own time to come here.

'We just chalk that up to experience.'

- Dale Deloughery, SAC president

"We just chalk that up to experience," said Dale Deloughery, SAC president.

Deloughery said SAC lost twice as much money when rock star Tom Cochrane's appearance was poorly attended five years ago.

Meanwhile, at the Nov. 25 SAC meeting Grummett, vice-president athletics, said, "I don't want to see all this good money go down the tubes," referring to the Speaker Series.

Grummett said he looked in at the Hamilton Room when author Beverly Hadland was speaking to students Nov. 23.

"I walked in on one the other day, and there were five people (there were actually 10), and we're paying good money for this," Grummett said.

"If you get a big name speaker to come in, I don't think it's too nice to put five people in front of them, especially when they're used to speaking to hundreds at a time. It's an insult to them, and it's an insult on our part.

"I don't think it's too appropriate, especialy when we have people more concerned with what band is playing at After Hours. Obviously the turn-out hasn't been too well. I wasn't too impressed, especially since the speaker was such a big name."

However, Grimminck said she does not believe the $300 for Hadland was wasted.

"If one person shows interest in a speaker, I know I am doing a worthwhile job," she said. Grimminck said she has felt this way since she began booking speakers.

Deloughery reiterated the Speaker Series has not been a waste of time.

"It was good for the students who did go out to see it," he said.

However, he added "the next time a speaker comes up, we will have to think more about it before we vote."

Grimminck said she is planning to book speakers until the end of the school year.

Falls home a residential treatment program for YOAs

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Imagine having a family of 10 young men to house. Paul and Donna Cerminara have been doing this for 21 years. Before the couple was given permission to turn their home into an open custody facility for young offenders in 1984, it was a foster home for 12 years.

Like regular foster parents, the Cerminaras lived in the house with the children. Now because the home is for young offenders, it has been transformed into what could be described as a private school dorm.

The home, in Niagara Falls, Ont., is owned and operated by the Cerminaras with the help of eight full-time and five part-time certified correctional child-care workers.

"The purpose of Cerminara Boys Residence Inc. is to provide a community-based residential and treatment program under the Child and Family Services Act which incorporates the Young Offenders Act," said Tony Rao, a senior correctional child-care worker.

The home has three levels. The bottom level is a classroom with a teacher provided by the Niagara South Board of Education. The second level includes a staff living room, kitchen and dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, and an office. The upper level is like a dorm. There are four joined bedrooms holding seven beds. Each boy in the upper level has enough room for privacy.

The home is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services and operated by an advisory board, which includes volunteers from various professions.

"This particular home is privately owned. Therefore, it is less expensive to run and easier on the taxpayers' money," said Rao.

The home never exceeds the limit of 10 boys at a time. "The budget revolves around 10 boys," said Rao. "Between the months of August and December the enrolment rate may drop because the school year is beginning. Sometimes the boys are given a fresh start at school."

The boys at the house are between the ages of 12 and 18. If a young offender commits an offence before the age of 16 he is sent to an open custody home like Cerminara Boys Residence Inc.

The boys who come to the home are usually serving a term for various offences such as theft, break and enter, assault, mischief or vandalism.

"The courts decide who is suitable for open custody," said Rao. "We take who we can get. Paul and Donna screen the boys the courts send to us. We rarely turn anyone away unless we have the legal limit of clientele."

The boys are assigned by a provincial director or co-ordinator of young offenders to a residential facility near their own home to make visitation possible.

During their stay at the home, the boys follow a designated program that incorporates education (provided by the Niagara South Board of Education), basic life skills, counselling and community service into a schedule. The staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to monitor and help the boys adjust to the program.

A weekly house meeting or "Beef Meeting" is held every Wednesday for reports on each individual's progress in the program, cash rewards for chores and tasks, meal planning, initiating new house rules, and information on upcoming activities.

Some people may think a correctional facility is a harsh and unpleasant experience for young offenders. Cerminara is run "more efficiently" than most households, said Rao.

Each boy is given attention for his different needs. On the outside, Cerminara may look like a regular house, "but on the inside it is a special place for young men trying to find their own place in society," said Rao.

Jabberwocky: each game a whole new story

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

"Slippery when wet", "another fine mess" or "Mozart's breakfast" are just a few of the topics in a new board game called Jabberwocky.

It was invented by identical twins John and James Coburn who teamed up with Paul Toine, one of the Balderdash inventors, to create the game.

"It took two years to develop and five minutes to think of," says James about creating the game. The name Jabberwocky was supposed to invoke thoughts of nonsense or even the old Monty Python movie of the same name.

The 35-year-old identical twins have been promoting their creation in the Toronto area where they live. The pair were in Niagara last month appearing on local radio stations and giving interviews to the newspaper reporters

James, a Niagara College graduate, says, "It's very much a party game. The game is for 10-year-olds to 110."

John, who went to school in Barrie, Ont., is much more involved with the artistic aspects of promoting the board game than James.

During the radio interviews, James could be heard asking the more business-oriented questions, "How long do we have? Can we mention where it is available? Who is the audience for this station?" On the other hand, John was more concerned with documenting each step of progress made by the pair.

After each interview John asked the radio announcer to repeat a quick blurb saying, "We're here with John and James Coburn the inventors of new board game Jabberwocky on 97.7 HTZ FM." Each step was recorded for posterity on video by John.

The exuberant two are obviously excited about promoting their work. In explaining how the game is played words get tangled between them confusing the issue.

In brief, each player is given the same theme to write a story about. Wild cards are distributed to each participant with only one player getting the real "Buzz card." The receiver must hide one of the three buzz words in the brief story. Each word is given a differential value depending on the difficulty. This allows the players to score. Players score points guessing the hidden word or by hiding the word so well none of the other players guess it.

Identical twins John (left) and James Coburn were in Niagara promoting their new invention. They are co-creators of the board game Jabberwocky.

Photo by Kim Morphew

Paul DeLuca, an ambulance and emergency care student at Niagara College, said the game was fun but it needs a better scoring system. He said that instead of using the board supplied players should try to attain the highest number of points.

Deb Anderson, a day-care supervisor in St. Catharines, said the concept was good and that it was fun listening to the twists a story can take from different people. The game takes 45 minutes to play.

James laughs briefly as he says how far his Niagara College hospitality and tourism diploma took him.

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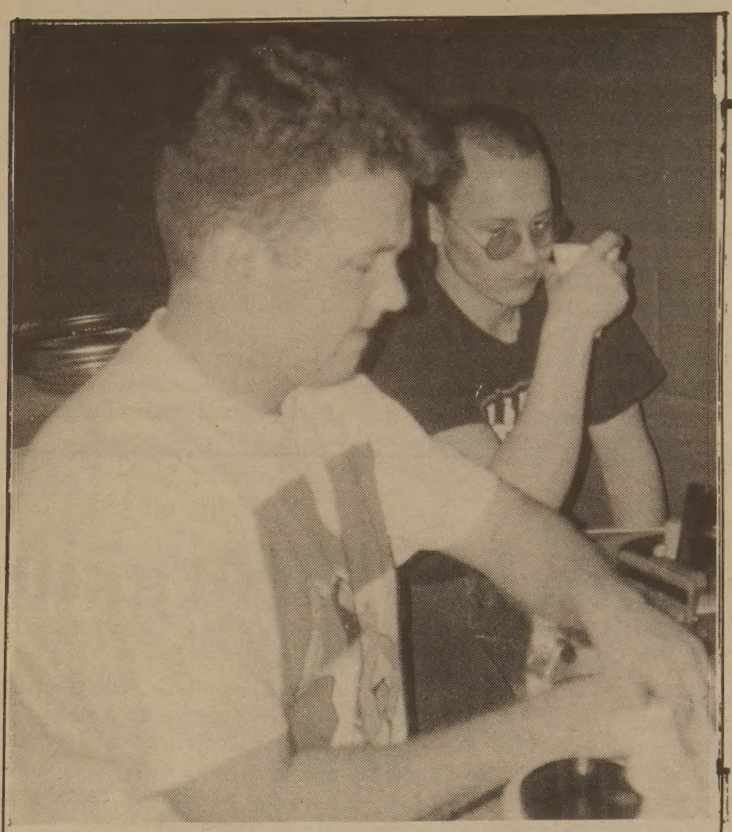


Paul Gardner and Steve Butler are hard at work in the editing booth.

Photo by Kimberly Sheppard

How much will end up on the editing room floor?

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

"The Chair", an assignment for Niagara College second-year film students, made its way to the editing room to be cut and spliced into an artform.

Paul Gardner, a film student, created and directed this 10-minute film with the artistic direction of Steve Butler, another film student.

They began shooting last October and finished in December. The film took about six or seven weeks to shoot. The next step was to start editing which is often the most time consuming job in the process of film-making. "Patience is the number one necessity," said Gardner.

The actual creation of art takes place in the editing room. "It's not just putting together the scenes, it's setting a pace and creating art," said Butler. "It involves many artistic decisions, the kind of shots needed to create the mood that is wanted is only one of many that take place in the editing booth."

As the film was being shot, a separate soundtrack was recorded on a reel-to-reel machine. This soundtrack was re-taped onto Magstock, an audio tape for film. It was then synchronized with the film. Butler estimated the job took about 18 hours to complete.

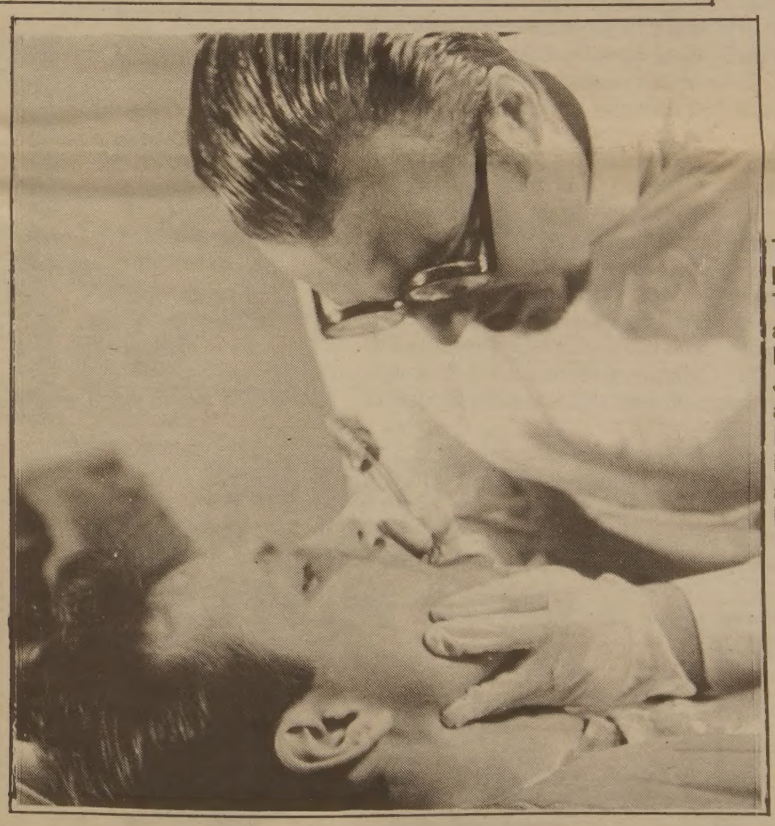
The next step was putting the scenes in order. "When you're filming you don't shoot scenes in the proper sequence so you have to start what we call assembly editing which took maybe about eight hours, give or take a few," said Butler. "We are pretty much finished that now."

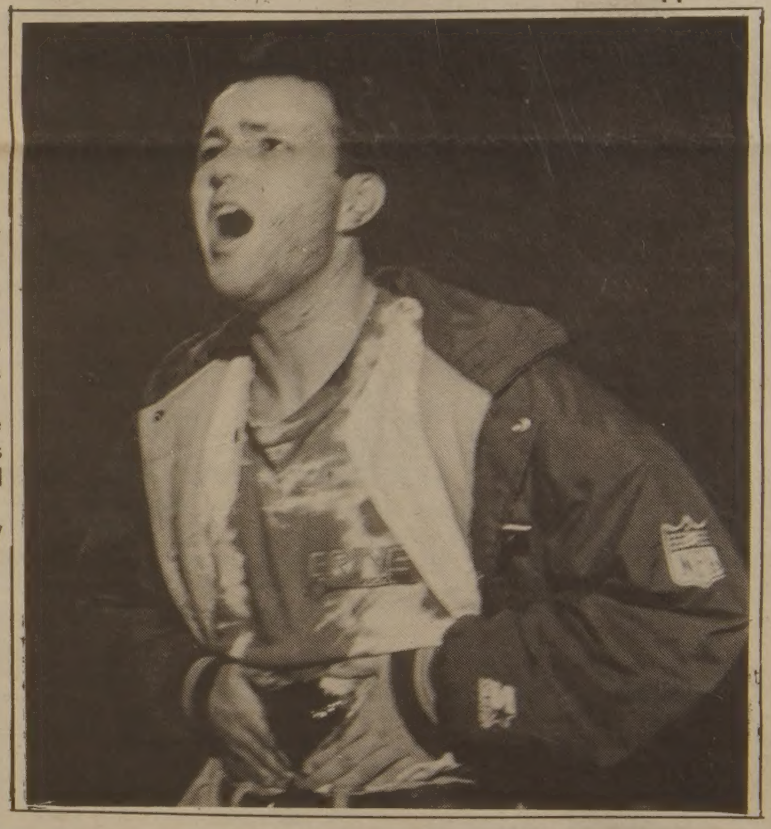
When the winter term started Butler and Gardner made their way to the editing booth. "We are now starting to cut scenes," said Gardner, "but it will probably take a month to a month and a half to finally finish the film."

"That is if everything goes smoothly and there are no major problems," added Butler.

Editing is a long and tedious process according to both students. "You're either going to love editing or hate it, there is really no inbetween," said Butler. "It can be really rewarding, you spend hours and hours trudging through miles and miles of images and sounds and then you reach the final stage, the final product is complete and you can sit back and really appreciate what you have created." Gardner had a slightly different opinion of editing. "It can be enjoyable but there are days that you really have to concentrate; it's a good idea to take a break once in a while. But when you see the final outcome it's worth it."

Both agreed the editing process can be frustrating but rewarding. "What you put into it is what you get out," said Butler.





The Chair, one man's fear becomes a living nightmare. Tom Brank plays a dentist in a Nazi operating theatre. Mike McCready portrays a Jewish man with a phobia about dentists.
Included in the bizarre images of the Jewish man is a scene where he is stabbed by a so-called friend.

Photos by Kimberly Sheppard

Malcolm X - controversial, yet exceptional

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

"X" marks the spot.

Malcolm X is the latest political/historical leader profiled by the movie industry — controversial, yet exceptional.

Director and producer Spike Lee's newest endeavor "Malcolm X", is based on a novel by Alex Haley. It is Lee's longest film at three hours in running time. His portrayal of the 1960's black leader is powerful and memorable.

Malcolm X is brilliantly portrayed by Denzel Washington, who bears a striking resemblance. Washington played the man throughout his years as a criminal, his nine years in jail, his personal and political growth in the Muslim faith, and as the fierce advocate of the supremacy of African-Americans.

Flashbacks depict Malcolm X's background influencing his militant years. After a pilgrimage to Mecca, Malcolm X is seen struggling with a Muslim policy he came to regard as too militantly anti-white. While speaking to a rally in New York City in early 1965, Malcolm X was shot to death.

The movie gives an antagonistic, but honest illustration of the Muslim views of white people. In one scene, a young, white college girl approached Malcolm X, his entourage of bodyguards and black supporters, and asked "What can I do?" to which he replied "nothing" continuing to walk in his usual loose stride.

One can't deny some white people's responsibility for the suffering of some black people, but the movie is so excessively anti-white it may be difficult for people to accept and watch. This project, at times, seems to be trumpeting Lee's prejudices.

Despite this, the movie conveys the global impact Malcolm X had on black people. Children in Soweto, South Africa were shown waving posters bearing his face; Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, spoke in the movie of Malcolm's greatness and influence.

As young African-American children stood and proclaimed "I am Malcolm X", the viewer feels the loss of greatness. As the videotape of last year's beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police officers was shown, the sense of loss is more poignant, haunting and, perhaps, required.

If this is what the directors wanted to achieve, they did — effectively.

SPORTS

Stein's warnings overlooked by Domi

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

Bob Probert versus Tie Domi. Part II.

These two tough guys got more publicity than the recently held Holyfield-Bowe title fight.

But for some reason, National Hockey League president-elect Gil Stein wants to down play the episode. In Stein's view, Domi disobeyed a direct order to keep the peace and avoid any confrontation with Probert.

Yah right!

It was bound to happen and the pair didn't waste much time getting it on. Just 37 seconds into a recent game, former Rangers' coach Roger Neilson sent Domi onto the ice opposite Probert. They exchanged pleasantries with each other and the title bout began.

Probert out-punched and outlasted the smaller Domi to retain his claim as heavyweight champion of the NHL.

During the scrap, the sold-out crowd at Madison Square Gardens were on their feet cheering as the two combatants pounded away on each other. It was the only time during the game the crowd erupted with such enthusiasm.

But if Stein had it his way, the fight would have never happened and he would have deprived the crowd of the excitement and fun that comes along with watching a good NHL scrap.

Stein is adament that fighting be banned from hockey because he believes banning fighting will draw more people to games and increase the television ratings in the United States. He has done a good job in controlling fighting but wanting to ban it would be a mistake.

Fighting has always been a part of hockey. It adds character and personality to the sport that other pro leagues can't compete against.

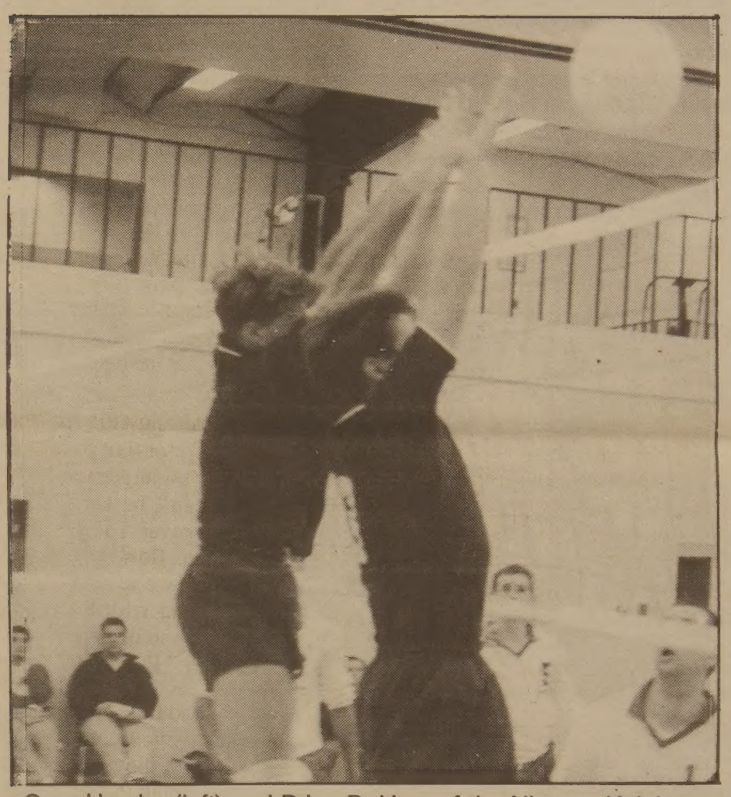
There is no room for the designated goon in hockey but there is a place for good nard-nosed players, such as Probert, Wendel Clark, Shayne Corson, and Brendan Shanahan who can play the game as well as fight when the timing is right.

When the day comes that fans begin booing fights, Stein can reopen his case for abolishing fighting. But we all know that day will never come.

Perhaps someone should remind Stein that NHL stands for the National Hockey League and not the No Hit League.

Loss evens record at 4-4

Knights lose tough five-game match to Georgian



Greg Heyder (left) and Brian Dekker, of the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team, leap high in the air to block a spike attempt by a Georgian College player. Niagara lost the match 3-2.

Photo by Frank Iudiciani

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's volleyball team dropped their record to 4-4 on the season after losing a spirited five-game match to Georgian College of Barrie.

The Knights started the match slowly as they were down 9-0 early in the first game due to poor serving. They mounted a small comeback to bring the score to 14-6 but Georgian hung on and got the next point to win 15-6.

The second game began much like the first with Georgian jumping out to an early 4-0 lead. However, Niagara stormed back with four unanswered points of their own to tie the score. With the game tied 8-8, Jim Konrad gave the Knights some needed momentum as he drilled a ball into the open court to break the tie. The Knights proceeded to take the game 15-13.

The Knights fell asleep early in the third game and were down 10-2. They couldn't recover and Georgian easily won 15-5 to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

"Our defence was a problem tonight," Knights' coach Ray Sarkis said. "We didn't block very well and the outside man was leaving the middle of the floor open. We'll work on that this weekend."

Game four was the best played game of the match as both teams traded the lead numerous times. With the Knights leading 13-11, Georgian gained possession of serve and went ahead 14-13. However, Niagara gained control and took the next three points with Greg Heyder slamming down the winner to take the game 16-14.

Georgian handcuffed the Knights in the deciding game and didn't allow them to get anything started. Georgian took the match with a 15-7 victory.

"They (Georgian) didn't beat us, we beat ourselves," Sarkis said.

Jim Konrad led the Knights attack with 17 kills while Heyder and newcomer Kevin Jones added 10 apiece. Brent Roszell chipped in with eight kills and Brian Dekker had four.

The Knights were successful on only seven blocks in the match.

Niagara will travel to Redeemer College in Ancaster on the weekend to play in a crossover tournament against the East Division.

Men's volleyball team obtains new players

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

There were a couple of unfamiliar faces on the court Tuesday night as the Niagara College Knights men's volleyball team opened up the second half of the season against Georgian College of Barrie.

The Knights have aquired a new setter for the second half of the season. Don Shantz, 21, who played for Mohawk College last year has been inserted as the starting setter, replacing Dan Lemmon.

"Don works very hard and especially on defence in the back court," Knights' coach Ray Sarkis said. "He takes charge on the court. He's a winner."

Also new to the club is Kevin Jones from E.L. Crossley High School. The 19-year-old will be used at the power position as well as in the backcourt.

"Kevin comes from a good volleyball background," Sarkis said. "He has a good serve and knows when to use it."

Sarkis said he believes his team is "much better" with the two new players on the roster.

"It gives us four real strong hitters on the court all the time," he said.

The Knights are looking to be a little more creative during the second half.

"I would like to see a little more of a multiple offence off the initial serve reception instead of basic sets," Sarkis said. "I'm looking for better things than they showed me Tuesday night."

Sarkis' main concern has been the team's defensive play as was evident in their game Tuesday night when they combined for only seven blocks in the match.

"There are some corrections that I still have to make," he said. "Our timing must improve."

Curling team optimistic

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

Niagara College's mixed curling team has only one way to go — up.

At the Rose City Bonspiel in Welland on Jan. 9, the mixed team, consisting on skip Jeff Fraser, vice Tracy Nieson, second Jason Trout, and lead Jennifer Herr, were winless in two games. They lost the first 8-5 to Tom Dillion, and came up short in the second 9-6 to Ross McMillan, both of the Welland Curling Club.

The Niagara foursome tied for first place in the off-ice competition, combining trivia skill with physical finesse.

Coach Bob Young has entered Niagara curlers to compete on Feb. 7 at the Dundas Golf and Curling Club in preparation for the Ontario College Athletic Association playdowns to be held at the Welland Curling Club the weekend of Feb. 12.

Team Canada golden at world hockey tournament

By DARREN ESAU
Staff Writer

Canada's showing at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Sweden over the holidays once again proved that Canadians still are among the elite when it comes to producing great hockey talent.

As a result of Team Canada's play, five of their players were selected to the tournament's first and second all-star teams.

With many National Hockey League scouts watching the tournament, each player, Canadian or otherwise, knew this would be the best opportunity to showcase their talents, in hopes of making a career in the NHL.

Goaltender Manny Legace, 19, of Alliston, Ont., undoubtedly increased his status for the upcoming NHL draft in June, with a strong performance which even exceeded head coach Perry Pearn's expectations. Legace, who plays for the Niagara Falls Thunder of Ontario Hockey League, was named top goaltender for his 1.67 goals against average over six games. With Legace in the nets, Canada went 6-0 and clinched the gold medal for the third time in the last four years.

It was only in the seventh and final game, with the gold medal already wrapped up, and backup goalie Philippe DeRouville getting the start, that Canada dropped a meaningless 7-4 decision to the Czech-Slovak team, which had to settle for the bronze medal.

Aside from watching a great performance by Legace, the tournament fans saw Sweden's Peter Forsberg set a World Junior record by scoring 31 points in the seven-game span, including a 10-point effort against lowly Japan. Forsberg, a first-round draft pick of the Philadelphia Flyers, traded to Quebec in the Eric Lindros deal, was named first team all-star at centre.

Japan, involved in the tournament for the first time, must have gone home wondering why they even showed up. They were thoroughly trounced in every game, including a 20-0 shellacking at the hands of the silver medal-winning Swedes.

It is certainly hard to imagine that Japan will be invited back for next year's tournament, but hockey fans can be sure that Team Canada will definitely be there to defend yet another title.

New players expected

Hockey Knights look for scoring punch as season begins second half

By PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

As the Niagara Knights hockey team returns to action, several of the players and coaches offered their opinions on the first half of the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association season.

Although the team's record is 0-7-1, it is not indicative of the way they have played.

"We've been playing well, but we have to start scoring goals," said coach Fred Bassi. "Hopefully some of the new guys that are expected to come out will add something to the team. I'm actually looking forward to the second half of the season."

"I'm looking forward to 1993," said assistant coach Jim Beattie. "It's good to have Zimmy (Knights' captain Dale Zimmerman) back. He adds some zip."

"We have to find the right combination. There's too much lax play. There's no alternative but to find guys who can play the game."

Bassi and Beattie are looking at some new players at practices and will be making decisions on players in the near future.

The team tied Sir Sandford Fleming College of Peterborough 3-3 on a strong performance by goaltender Dan Yakubowski on Nov. 22. The following week they played Cambrian College of Sudbury. Yakubowski was super in goal again as the Knights took a 2-1 lead into the third period before Cambrian scored three unanswered goals to win 5-2. The goaltending and defense have played well, but the team's problem has been scoring goals.

Bassi is hoping that will change in the second half.

Several players offered their thoughts about the team's first half.

"It's been a tough season so far," said team captain Dale Zimmerman. "We've had a few guys hurting so, hopefully, things will change."

Zimmerman said the attitude of the team must change.

"It bothers me when we lose. It wasn't good when I was out of the lineup watching the guys play their hearts out and have nothing to show for it. We need to have the guys putting the puck in the net.

"My job, as captain, is to set the pace for these guys. I'm hoping that the changes the coaches will be making will be for the better," Zimmerman said.

"The people of Niagara will be in for a surprise on Jan. 15," said assistant captain Andrew Clark. "Right now nothing is going our way. I've had a few scoring chances but I just haven't been able to bury them. We're not getting the bounces right now. When we play our first home game on the 15th a lot of people will be surprised."

"It's good to have Zimmy back," said the team's assistant captain Pat Skuta. "We're working hard to create opportunities, but we're going to have to work twice as hard for goals. I'm looking forward to the second half. We have to be focused now. With some new blood now we'll wait and see what happens."

Injuries the cause of slow start, says hockey Knight

By PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

Although it has been a difficult year for the Niagara Knights hockey team, one player is putting everything clearly into perspective.

Rick Ryan, a forward for the Knights and a first-year retail management student at the college, has an open mind on the way things have gone this year.

"I think we'll turn it around," said Ryan. "If you go into every game giving it 100 per cent it's going to turn around. Giving it 100 per cent is a good definition of a good hockey club."

The team has been racked with injuries since the start of the season and Ryan has been among the walking wounded. He said he hopes that once everyone is healthy again the Knights will be a stronger team in the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association. At the end of the first half of the season the Knights' record is 0-7-1, which leaves them only two points behind Sir Sandford Fleming of Lindsay. The top four teams in the OCAA Costello Division advance to the playoffs.

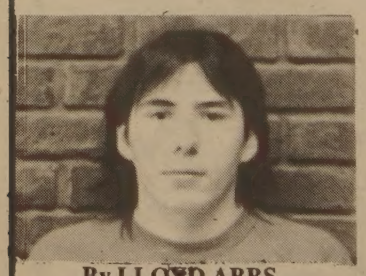
"It's not the injury that hurts, it's watching the team play," said Ryan, referring to the number of injuries he has had in his career. He tore a muscle behind the bicep in his right shoulder and also injured his right knee. Ryan came up through the minor hockey system in Niagara Falls and then played for the Chippawa Merchants Jr. C team and the Niagara Falls Thunder Jr. B team.

In their last game before the holidays, Ryan was teamed with Andrew Clark and Dale Zimmerman who had just returned from a hand injury. It was the first time they had played together in some time. Ryan said he thinks, given the team's lack of scoring punch so far, that the line will click at some point.

"You have to adjust to every shift. If you have four or five good shifts in a row you might get one or two goals. You can't be kept off the scoreboard forever. The guys have to go with the flow of the shift. Sooner or later we're going to find the net. Playing with these guys can only help you become a better hockey player," Ryan said.

Ryan has had the opportunity to play with many well-known hockey players from the Niagara Falls area, notably Frank Pietrangelo and Steve Larmer. Ryan said he hopes to play hockey in Europe. He has sent 12 resumes to teams in The Netherlands.

Fan voting cuts worthy players from NHL all-star game



By LLOYD ABBS
Staff Writer

How many of us come Feb. 6 would like to see the premier players of hockey play in the 44th annual National Hockey League All-Star game?

I believe I am one of many.

To me, a good hockey player is someone who is given a task or job and excels, benefitting his team. The NHL is full of character/role players and unfortunately this year's All-Star game is going to be another disappointment.

When the NHL decided results of fan balloting would choose the starters of the All-Star game, we have seen a lot of unfair choices. Players who are fan favorites pile up votes while other deserving players are overlooked.

Take for example, Wayne Gretzky. He's a fan favorite for All-Star games, racking up 114,474 votes, although he's missed all of the first half of the season. Albeit, a healthy Gretzky proves he belongs there but when he's not even playing?

Why not vote for Brian Bradley of the Tampa Bay Lightning? Surely he's a shoe-in for the game because of the NHL ruling that each team have a representative, but why wasn't he considered as one of the top 10 in voting, he's only the fifth highest scoring centre in the Campbell Conference.

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Why not choose someone like Mattieu Schneider of the Montreal Canadiens as a starter? He plays a good solid game. He's aggressive yet disciplined and he's put up relatively good numbers this year. He's proven invaluable to Montreal's inexperienced defence and has probably become one of the best all-round defencemen in the league. But no, he finishes 15th behind the likes of Brad Marsh and "cheap-shot" artist Ulf Samuelsson. At least he finished ahead of Doug "Powerplay" Bodger.

How could Nicklas Lidstrom finish ahead of his teammate Steve Chiasson, who didn't even make into the top 20 vote-getters? Chiasson is recognized by many hockey experts as having an outside chance at this year's Norris Trophy for the league's best defenceman. Well, according to the fans, someone like Joe Reekie or Neil Wilkinson are 10 times better.

Fan balloting is pointless unless it's done honestly. It's truly unfair to remove the spotlight from players who have earned it, at least for one day.

Once again, this year's All-Star game is going to be an all-out shootout and from this hockey fan who believes shootouts belong in the Old West, I sincerely hope fans next year vote with their heads and not with their hearts.

A suggestion: Maybe next year the NHL could hold two All-Stars games: One for the fan favorites and the other for the players who really deserve the honor of being an all-star.

Christmas Wish Trees help brighten holidays at Niagara

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

For most of us, the Christmas season was a happy one. We reunited with family members, many of whom our busy schedules had not allowed us to spend nearly enough time with throughout the year, and exchanged our love for one another, along with a few gifts.

Sadly, there are many people who weren't fortunate enough to share in the season's traditional pleasures, making Christmas an especially difficult time of year. For example, there are senior citizens with no family or friends and children whose parents couldn't afford to buy them gifts.

For the third year, Niagara College students and staff helped to brighten Christmas for people less fortunate by purchasing gifts and placing them under one of the Christmas Wish Trees, which were located in the library and in Hennepin Hall at the college.

Building operations supervisor Linda Maidens got the idea for the tree in 1990 when she came to work at the college.

"I'm a Christmasy person. When I came here there were no decorations. I felt we had to do something, " she said.

While many organizations attempt to provide presents for needy children at Christmas, Maidens thought it would be a good idea to include seniors.

"I had worked in a community hospital and we seemed to do more for the children. I wanted to go one step further so I called a senior's home, Sunset Haven, to see if there were any seniors with no friends or families," she said.

Although she was surprised with the number of seniors who would be alone for Christmas, Maidens was pleased with the enthusiastic response she received from people at the home.

"They were thrilled and thought it was a great idea. They gave us great ideas for gifts — things the seniors liked and needed," she said.

The list of children's names that appeared on the tree was provided by Community Christmas Toys, an organization in Welland for several years, which collects presents for children who otherwise might not receive one. The organization operated from a vacant store next to the Family Robbins restaurant on Niagara Street.

"I saw an ad in the paper. I called and I was accepted with open arms. They invited me down to see what they do," Maidens said.

She said giving a present to a needy person provides individuals with a good feeling.

"It helped my kids have a better understanding. They get more involved each year. It really promotes the giving feeling."

Maidens placed gold, silver, blue and pink doilies on the tree. Each contained the first name and age of a child or a senior. Individuals took doilies from the tree and returned them with a present. Her greatest fear was that people would take doilies and, for some reason, not return them with presents. Each year she lists the names on a computer and checks them constantly. This year a few unreturned doilies were discovered just before Christmas and gifts were provided for the people.

Maidens is proud that 50 children and 20 seniors were looked after two years ago. Last year the list had 125 children's names on it and again they were all provided for.

"There was a very positive response," Maidens said. "Some departments, rather than buying internal gifts, all took names from the tree. More students took names than usual also."

This year, in addition to the trees at the Welland campus, there was one in St. Catharines. If enough people volunteer their time next year, Maidens would like to have a tree at the Niagara Falls campus.

"I'd like to thank all the people who donated time and gifts this year," Maidens said. "We're here year after year. Christmas and all the special seasons are a part of it. I look around and there's so many people out of work, anything you can do to make their day happier is nice."

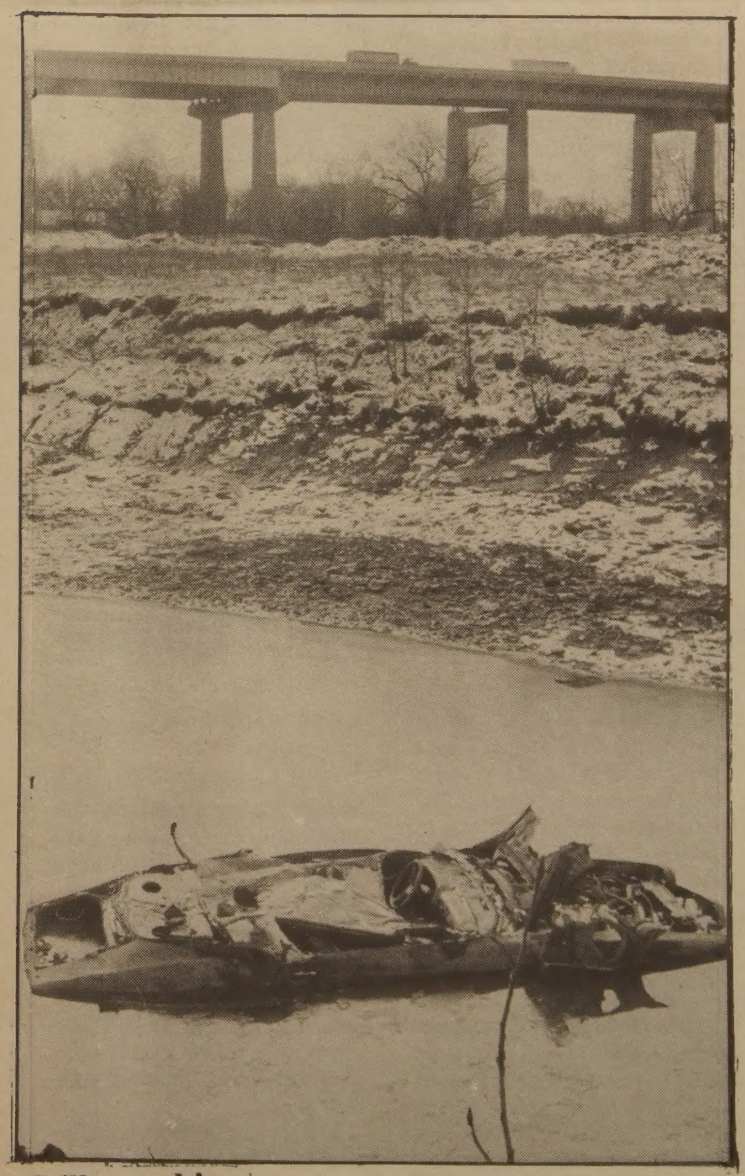
Wreath raffled by vocational students

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Brian Kidd, a General College student, won a door ornament raffled by the Vocational College students Dec. 11.

"We've done this for two years. Each holiday it becomes more apparent that the number of families who won't have a Christmas is increasing," said Charlie Zarb, a college vocational student. "It's the children we are thinking of and the fact that in this changing, uncertain economy it could be anyone in need next year."

Tickets were sold two for $1 or in exchange for a can of food. The 30 cans of donated food were given to the student drive and the $80 raised was given to the Welland Salvation Army.



Still searching
An off-white Camaro, found during the draining of the Welland Canal, has been discounted by Niagara Regional Police as the car used in the Kristen French abduction last April. Witnesses came forward to say the car had been there at least two years. Photo by Jennifer Herr

New alumni adviser named

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

Last Monday the reins of the Niagara College Alumni Association changed hands.

Sophie Aggelonitis is the alumni consultant replacing Mary-Anne Seppala who has taken a full-time position at the Lincoln County Board of Education.

Aggelonitis had taken some government programs at the college since 1986 and then returned to work with Ventures and Jobs Ontario in 1990. The alumni consultant position is part-time. She fills her daily schedule as a part-time teacher of psychology and politics at the college.

Seppala got things rolling with the first Homecoming last October and the association took it from there.

With the success of Homecoming, the association agreed to make it an annual event. New ventures for 1993 include possible sporting events and luncheons acknowledging former intructors and graduates.

Larry Naftulin, a professional fund-raiser, works with the Niagara College Foundation and the Alumni Association. He saidthe members of the association were "very enthusiastic" about everything. He was also pleased with the progress to date. "It's moved along quite nicely and they are so energetic."

The association will be inviting the participation of faculty and retirees in future Homecomings and other events.

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Hadland uses personal experience answering questions

More abortion support groups needed: Hadland

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Author Beverly Hadland, using her personal abortion experiences as a backdrop, answered many students' questions, and asked many of her own during a crisis pregnancy lecture Monday, Nov. 23, in the Hamilton Room.

"How would you like to go into work and say I'm feeling pretty low today, I'm feeling kind of depressed, I just had an abortion?"

"Do you think anyone is going to give you sympathy?" Hadland asked.

Hadland said if a woman goes to work and announces she had a miscarriage, she is consoled.

"There are all kinds of support systems for women who have what is called a spontaneous abortion (miscarriage). It's something the woman doesn't do to herself, it just happens. She acknowledges she was pregnant. Everyone will be sympathetic, they'll say 'oh you poor dear'."

Hadland told students "in a society that says pregnancy does not equal baby," there are not enough support systems for women in crisis pregnancies. However, her own group, Straight Talk, does provide counselling for pre and post abortion.

"Abortion is not a natural thing, it's different than a miscarriage. In a miscarriage a bonding takes place, and you don't generally say I'm pregnant with a fetus. You're going to have a baby," she said.

Consequently, many women who undergo abortions suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which she defines as something beyond the range of usual human experience causing significant instances of re-experience, avoidance and impassive grieving.

Hadland drew parallels with a Vietnam veteran back from active duty, citing a true incident.

"A young man, who won a Purple Cross in Vietnam, and his wife were having a domestic quarrel. She was using knives to cut food, and the sounds flipped him back to the war. He was no longer arguing with his wife. He saw the enemy right in front of him, and he strangled his wife right in front of his 12-year-old son," Hadland said.

"It's a connector today, that will pull information from a person's subconscience that has been locked away, or blocked, totally in denial, totally repressed, unavailable to that person to draw out on their own. But a connector will be the thing that will bring the information back to the surface."

"They literally smell and taste everything they see and experienced back in time," she said.

Hadland said the same trauma occur when women do not talk about their abortions, an experience she has twice been through

BEVERLY HADLAND

herself, leaving her unable to have children.

"Not being able to talk about abortion, saying it's just between a woman and her doctor, has put tremendous pressure on women, because she's not allowed to vent or express her feelings in the situation."

Hadland said if a woman is not allowed to talk about it, the memories will subside to the subconcious, exploding at some point later in life.

When Hadland was 18 years old, she underwent her first abortion.

"When I found out I was pregnant, the first step was denial," she said.

"You can't belive you're pregnant, you hope it goes away everyday you wake up. Your boyfriend calls you on the phone and says did you get it yet? You just keep wishing it will go away, but of course it doesn't."

Consequently, Hadland said she, and most women, have abortions because of a lack of support from the man in a relationship.

"My boyfriend said 'you've got to do something, get rid of it,' " she said.

"I'm not blaming him, but we need to understand something. There seems to be a desire on a woman's part to please the person they love." Hadland said the child was conceived in love. When they destroyed the child, they destroyed the love.

Parents can also have a negative effect on a woman's decision. Many parents don't want others to know their daughter is pregnant. They feel their reputation will be ruined, but "no one actually allows the 14-year-old to sit down and decide for herself," Hadland said.

"These women haven't really made a choice, they've given into pressure and gone the way of someone else."

"You have to understand, when you're scared and you're pregnant, your hormones go on a rollercoaster ride."

She said women are ambivalant during their first three months of pregnancy. If a woman doesn't have a strong support system for her pregnancy, she can't afford to have a bad day.

Hadland said her second abortion arose from a "bad day." She said she wanted to have the child, but did not like being sick at work. She said she passed out at a meeting, and immediately decided on the abortion.

Now, Hadland said some hospitals in Canada are allowing women to come back and talk about their abortion experiences.

"When women can start talking about abortion, allowing them to grieve, this allows them to heal and go on with their lives."

Orientation welcomes college's newest students

By DARIUS SOKAL
Staff Writer

The After Hours student centre was the scene last Friday as faculty and the Student Administrative Council welcomed the college's newest students.

In welcoming about 45 students, Niagara College President John Saso said the students possess "a golden opportunity to have a great impact on society."

Because of a large number of applicants, Saso described the students as "a very fortunate group of people who were able to get in."

Niagara College is "your college" and will help to "generate and perfect your employability skills," added David Schleich, the college's vice-president academic.

Other speakers included Carol Boettcher, vice-president student life and human resources; athletics co-ordinator Peter Rylander and SAC president Dale Delougherty.

An "Icebreaker Olymics" was held in the gymnasium to help introduce the students to each other. Four groups were formed and competed against each other in a "pass the telephone" game.

With the guidance of 12 volunteer "froshkeepers," the students were taken on tours of the college and introduced to instructors and program co-ordinators.

The groups returned to After Hours for pizza and refreshments, courtesy of the college.

Abdurazik Omar, a third-year Business Administration program student, found the faculty friendly. "If you need help, they [the instructors] let you know that they are available. And the introduction to the other students will help a lot."

Ronda Karpiak, also a three-year Business Administration program student, agreed. "I appreciate the fact that the instructors and co-ordinators make themselves easily accessible and understandable."

SORRY!

Apologies to Sue Harvey regarding spelling errors in her Christmas greetings' ad. We hope her friends and teachers appreciated her wishes to them for the holidays.

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Teachers comment on American attack on Iraq

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

With three days left before the second anniversary of the Persian Gulf War, the United States, along with coalition forces, launched air raids Wednesday against Iraq.

The raids were in response to Saddam Hussein's constant refusal, after repeated warnings, to comply with United Nations resolutions put in place at the end of the Gulf War.

President-elect Bill Clinton's spokesman George Stephanopoulos told reporters in Little Rock, Ark., that Clinton has been in constant touch with President George Bush about military strike and that Clinton supports the actions taken by Bush.

Two Niagara College instuctors question the action taken Wednesday, but both have different reasons.

James Nicholas said the timing of the raid was all wrong.

"Seven days before President Bush leaves office, I do not know for sure whether military action was necessary," he said.

"Why was it not left to the new Clinton administration? The solution to the gulf problem lies with the new administration."

Nicholas, who co-authored the Toronto Appeal for Peace with Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Maquire, said the world is at a time when it must reflect upon American military policy in Iraq. He said the Iraqi military has been supplied with weapons from the United States and calls the sale of arms for profit "one of the great evils of our time."

John Muggeridge favors military action that would oust Hussein from power, but not the kind undertaken Wednesday.

"Free the people of Iraq from tyranny," said Muggeridge, who holds history degrees from Cambridge University in England and the University of Toronto.

Muggeridge said the U.S. is afraid of Arab public opinion, the same Arabs who supply them with oil. "And Hussien has much Arab support," he said.

Muggeridge said he would support the "lame duck" actions by Bush, but only if the intention was to remove Hussein from power.

Brian Keppy, co-ordinator of General Education, said the raids were a staged media event.

"When it becomes war for media, we're losing sight of the primary purpose of the war."

Keppy questioned how reporters from CNN "just happened to be on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk," stationed in the Perian Gulf.

Keppy said Clinton, who will be in a position to distance himself in the event of another war, may benefit from Bush's action.

"Clinton can say it's not my fault."

Clinton will be inaugurated 42nd President of the United States Jan. 20.

Major change

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Schleich said the school's intramural sports would not be affected. "They will continue...they will just have to reschedule and change the timing of them."

More ideas for restructuring will be "brainstormed" by the new Niagara College Restructuring Initiatives Team, Schleich said. The team (not yet chosen) will have representation across the college including students, he said.

Other proposals being considered:

*Student retention - strategies and activities such as the (already in place) Master Student program and the October Plan.

*Self directed learning - could include a package of material that the student works through and consults with the teacher periodically.

*Technologically mediated instruction - such as T.V. networks (TVO), video instruction, audio tapes, computers, distance education.

*Credit transfers - would make the process of transferring credits from school to school easier.

*Compressed flexible delivery - students would be able to fasttrack through their programs.

*Year-round academic year - some programs would begin at different intervals, i.e. students could start their academic year in January, September or June.

Correction

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Incorrect information appeared in the Friday, Dec. 4, 1992 issue of the Niagara News on page 13 in the report headlined "Luncheon held to celebrate college custodian retiring."

An appreciation luncheon was held in honor of Bob Foster, a member of the support staff, at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1992

Foster has been employed with the college for 14 years, spending three years with the centre since 1989. He took a long term disability leave before the Christmas holidays. The luncheon was put together by faculty, students, administration and the support staff to make the holidays more memorable for the Foster family.